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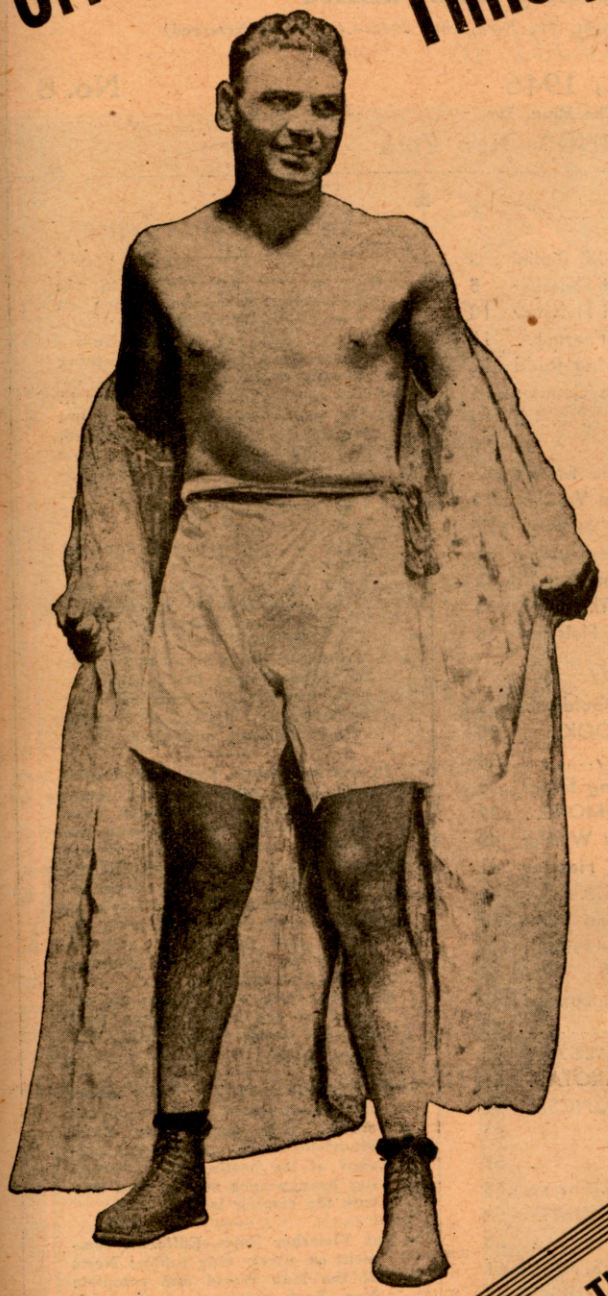

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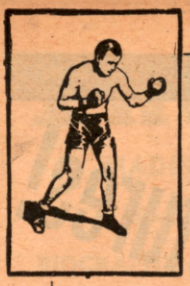

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Once a very active division, the lightweight class has fallen on days of lacklustre. It seems likely, though, that in the near future this section will revive something like its onetime class.

Going over the list of champions in the lightweight division, we find such heroes as Benny Leonard, Joe Gans, and perhaps the most underrated of the lot, Kid Lavigne, who fought them pounds and pounds heavier, and never turned down a match.

One of the classics of lightweight competition was the 17 round battle in which Lavigne took the world championship by stopping Dick Burge, of England, in 1896. Just fifty years back.

The Lavigne-Burge scrap now seems to lie back there in the shadowy past. But in the bright pages of lightweight history, that fight still is brilliant and alive.

In our next issue, Daniel M. Daniel will jump from his long series of heavyweight flashbacks into the lightweight division—and the Lavigne triumph over Burge, which made the Saginaw Kid the first world's lightweight champion.

Don't miss the story of the Lavigne-Burge fight. The fight with its thrills and its drama, and its victory for one of the grandest fighters of all time.

The issue also will contain the account of the Zale-Graziano fight for the middleweight title. Pictures, plenty of 'em.

On September 18, Joe Louis makes the twenty-third defense of his crown, this time with Tami Mauriello as his opponent. A preview of the battle, with interesting heavyweight stories, will feature the coming issue.

Nat Fleischer Says—Editorial comment on timely ring topics; News of the Mat World and complete New York coverage of all fights in the October Number.

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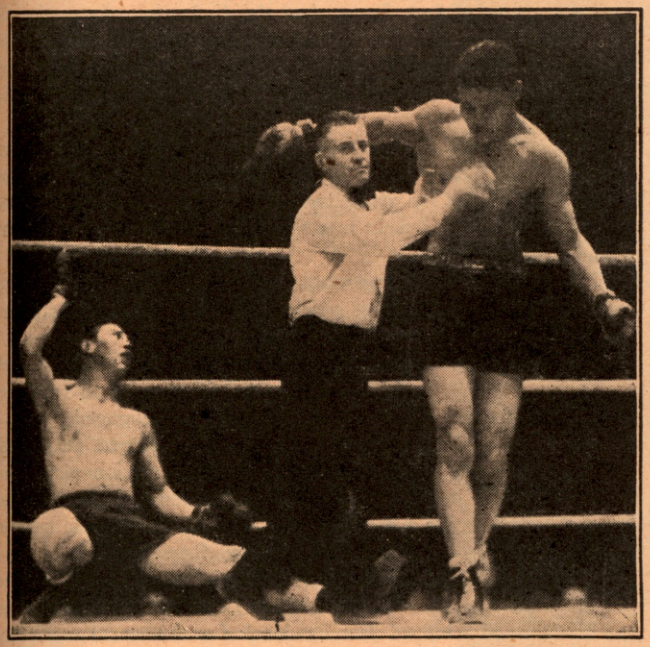
NINE WARN AGAINST SECOND LOUIS FIGHTS

Like Pastor, Godoy, Simon, Buddy Baer, Schmeling, Davis, Brown and Ramage, Conn Learned Sad Lesson

By DANIEL M. DANIEL



Joe Louis, then a lean, promising 21-year-old heavyweight, proves his earlier kayo of Lee Ramage was no fluke as he stiffens Lee again.

BEFORE Joe Louis met Billy Conn recently—on June 19, 1946, at Yankee Stadium, to be exact—it was pointed out that the Pittsburgh challenger was up against a very powerful fact. Never had Joe failed to batter an opponent in a second meeting.

Both this vital consideration and Louis' advantage of 25 pounds in the weights were ignored by many of the experts. Doubtless they were motivated by the wish—the strong wish that is father to the thought—when they predicted that Conn would be the new heavyweight champion of the world.

Misled by Louis' studied near-indifference in training bouts, detoured by medical gossip which had Joe wearing out and Conn the spectacular physical specimen, and hoping for the new excitement in boxing which would be born with the crowning of a new title holder, dopesters went for the idea that Billy could turn the trick.

Well, you know what happened. Seven rounds, it would appear, for the movies, and one for the customers.

It seems certain that Louis could have taken his man as early as the third round. That he did not do so is not to be held against him.

Joe discovered after the opening frame of fiddling around that he was in absolute command of the situation. He found that not only could he outpunch Conn, but outbox him. After that, it was up to Louis to determine if he wanted to end it straight off, or furnish some sort of show for the 45,000 who had paid from $100 down. Perhaps some of those hundred dollar guys had gone for more with the specs.

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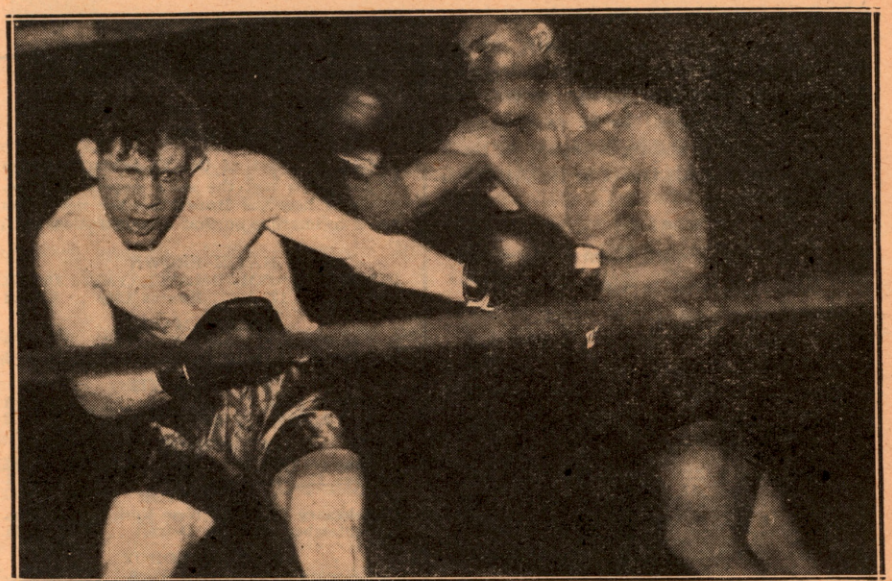
THE writer called the turn on the Louis-Conn fight in his story of Joe's two meetings with Max Schmeling in this series of fistic flashbacks in THE RING Magazine.

"Beware Louis the second time," was the gist of the warning which was sounded to Conn. In his first encounter with Schmeling, Louis was stopped in the twelfth. In the second fight he almost killed the German in the first heat.

How come? Why this startling contrast? Age? Deterioration in Schmeling?

Neither. It was Joe's photographic mind. Louis is not what one would call a boxing intellect. He is no brainy Jim Corbett. He is not a wily Fitzsimmons. His mind gives you the impression of being a one track affair. Let events run off that track and, thrown on his own without precedent to guide him, he is so utterly flabbergasted, it takes no Freud to spot his mental difficulties at once. This was startlingly true in the first engagement with Schmeling and the 15-round decision fight with Tommy Farr.

But throw this Negro blaster into a second fight with anybody and it's murder—as Conn found out.

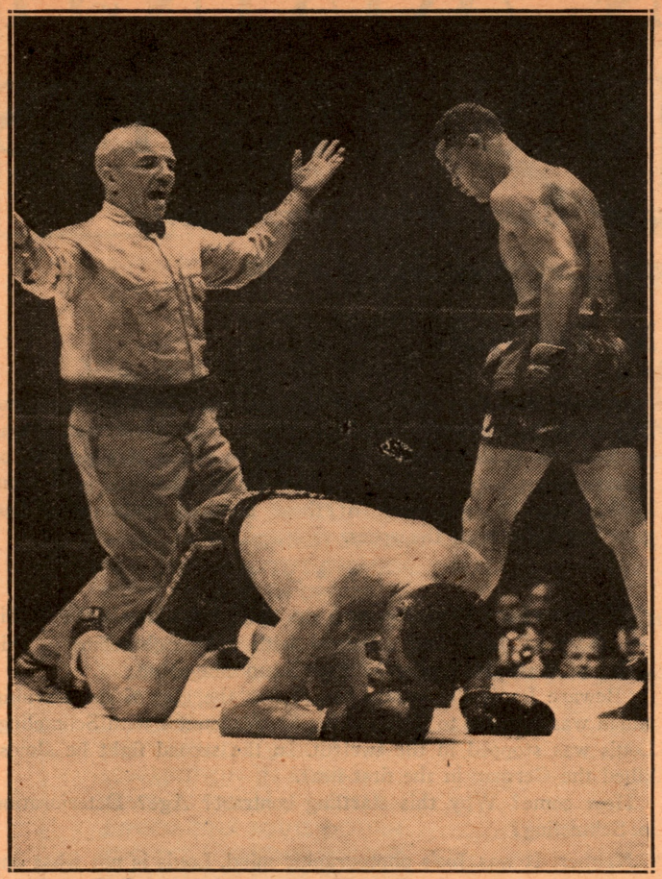


Here is Joe pounding Natie Brown into a state of helplessness in their second fight.

Louis has a cerebellum which takes motion pictures, and which can unroll those pictures whenever he wants it to.

When he fights a man, that motion picture machine in the back of his noggin keeps taking films.

Once taken, those films are analyzed by the Louis sub-conscious. Let him meet that same opponent a second time, and his mind



Arturo Godoy, who crouched and clowned his way through fifteen rounds with the champ, is slaughtered and stopped in the return go.

begins to show the pictures of the first fight. He knows exactly what to look for, and when. He calls the turn all the time. He beats his man to the idea, let alone the punch and the physical execution.

This is part of what we call intuition. I doubt very much if even the cleverest of our heavyweights, Corbett himself, developed this fistic intuition to the heights it has achieved in Louis. Undoubtedly Joe's abilities in this detail go back to his African and American Indian ancestors. It is the utilization of battle experience, stalking your foe, finding his spoor on the African veldt and his traces in the American forest.

* * *

WHEN Louis met Conn the second time, Joe knew precisely what Billy would do, how he would react to any given situation, how he would lead and how he might counter.

When Joe belted Conn out in the eighth round, he did what he had done in eight previous second fights.

Never before had Louis failed to improve on a first engagement with any fighter, and it was a cinch in the writer's mind that he would do it again in the Conn situation.

The first boxer to learn about the more deadly execution of Joe Louis in the second meeting was Lee Ramage.

Joe took on Ramage for the first time in Chicago on December 14, 1934, and stopped Lee in the eighth round. Ramage put up a pretty fair fight. Joe was feeling his way into the professional ranks and Ramage already was the experienced, veteran campaigner.

Seven weeks later, in Los Angeles, Louis met Ramage in a return engagement and it was no contest. Joe walloped Lee from pillar to post and applied the quietus in the second heat. He called every Ramage punch in that second fight.

The second heavyweight to learn about Louis' photographic mind was Willie Davis. The first Louis meeting with Willie, on July 1, 1934, in Chicago, ended soon enough, in the third round.

But it was all over in the second when Davis had the temerity to tackle Joe again in Peoria on May 3, 1935.

* * *

THE third fighter to learn about Joe's habit of forgetting nothing was Natie Brown, who until Louis came along was considered a pretty high ranking heavy.

As a matter of fact, Brown had the distinction of carrying the Brown Bomber the route, 10 rounds, when they met the first time, in Detroit on March 28, 1935. The experts regarded the contest as a fair and honest one and saw no evidences of carrying by Joe.

However, when Brown was lured into taking a second shot at the present heavyweight king, it was mayhem. The thing took place in Kansas City about two years after the first fight, and Louis knocked Natie right into the lap of Morpheus in the fourth round.

Then came the most important demonstration of Louis' uncanny memory, and that stalking quirk of his Negro and Indian ancestors.

It was in the second encounter with Schmeling, at New York on June 22, 1938, that Joe accentuated his ability to remember the slightest detail of a fight in which he had engaged.

Just as, going into his first meeting with the Negro, on June 19, 1936, the German had made a keen study of motion pictures of Louis' fights, so did that photographic cerebellum of Joe's perform a similar service for him as he went into his determined quest of revenge for his emphatic defeat by the foreigner.

It will be recollected that when Louis fought Max the first time, neither was the champion. When Louis met Schmeling again, he already had whipped Jim Braddock for the world supremacy.

* * *

LOOKING back at his 1936 fight with the man whom he calls "Smellin'," Joe analyzed his errors. He spotted his mistakes with the unerring accuracy of a first class copy reader.

"The thing to do with this man is to knock him out at once and risk no more mistakes," said Joe, and he proceeded to do it so expertly inside the first three minutes that he sent the German to a hospital with injuries which, had Max gone through a second round, might have killed him.

Nowhere in the history of the heavyweight championship do we find so emphatic, so amazing and incredible a contrast between two performances against the same opponent.

Even though that second Louis-Schmeling fight lasted less than three minutes, Joe's photographic mind had much to do with the quick result.

Joe knew precisely how Max would open up, and he tripped him up at his own game.

Ramage, Davis, Brown, Schmeling—and now we come to Joe's two meetings with Bob Pastor.

The first encounter was staged in the Garden in New York on February 27, 1937. The second, on September 20, 1939, in Detroit.

The New York fight was scheduled for ten rounds, and ten it went. The Michigan

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Results of Louis' Double Engagements

HERE is a list of the 18 fights in which Joe Louis met the same opponent twice. It shows how the Brown Bomber never has failed to improve on first demonstrations:

NATIE BROWN
1—March 28, 1935, Detroit ..... 10 dec.
2—February 17, 1937, Kansas City .. K.O. 4

LEE RAMAGE
1—December 14, 1934, Chicago ..... K.O. 8
2—February 1, 1935, Los Angeles ... K.O. 2

WILLIE DAVIS
1—July 1, 1934, Chicago ..... K.O. 3
2—May 3, 1935, Peoria ..... K.O. 2

MAX SCHMELING
1—June 19, 1936, New York ..... K.O. by 12
2—June 22, 1938, New York ..... K.O. 1

BOB PASTOR
1—February 27, 1937, New York ... 10 dec.
2—September 20, 1939, Detroit ..... K.O. 11

ARTURO GODOY
1—February 9, 1940, New York ..... 15 dec.
2—June 20, 1940, New York ..... K.O. 8

ABE SIMON
1—March 21, 1941, Detroit ..... K.O. 13
2—March 27, 1942, New York ..... K.O. 6

BUDDY BAER
1—May 23, 1941, Washington .... Won dis. 7
2—January 9, 1942, New York ..... K.O. 1

BILLY CONN
1—June 18, 1941, New York ..... K.O. 13
2—June 19, 1946, New York ..... K.O. 8

Billy Conn Blows Chance; Overcome *by* Fear

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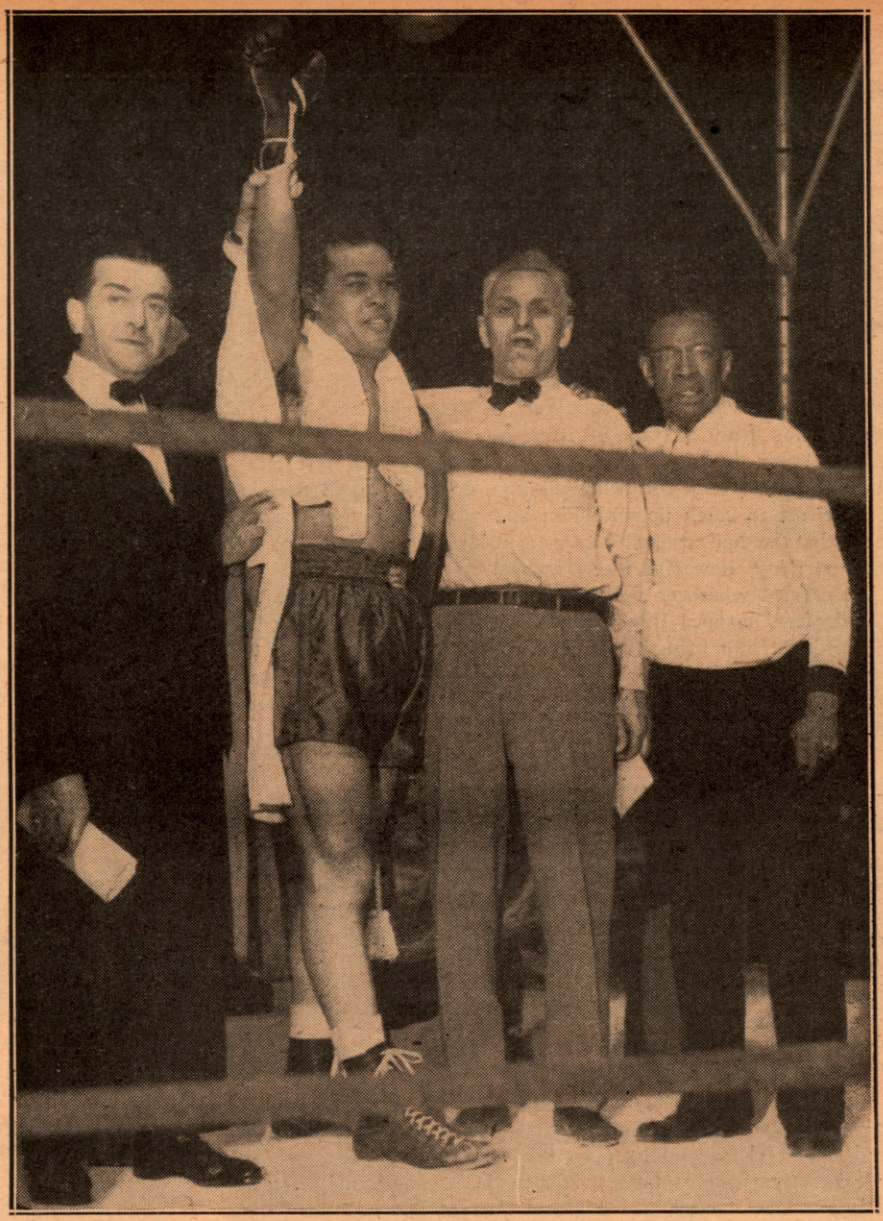

The winner and still world heavyweight king, Joe Louis, Harry Balogh, announcer, holds up hand of champion while Referee Eddie Joseph and Larry Amadee, second, stand by.

GUTTING loose with a volley of broadsides, a series of lefts and rights to head and jaw that jarred the body and numbed the brain, Joe Louis fulfilled his mission and his prediction by stopping Billy Conn in their return engagement at the Yankee Stadium in 2.19 of the eighth round before a gathering of 45,266 fight fans who paid $1,925,564 to see the world heavyweight champion and his challenger in action. But what they had come to see was not on the program and disappointment was visible on the faces of the majority as they left the gigantic stadium, a disappointment shared by scribes, fans, the boxing commission and the promoter.

The fight? There was no fight to speak of. The thrills? They came only in the final moments of the bout as the Brown Bomber battered his man into submission after seven rounds of a listless battle in which the champ tried his utmost to make a fight out of it while the challenger chose to run away. It was one of the most uninteresting bouts seen in New York in many moons and one of the worst heavyweight title contests staged in many years.

The bout ended as predicted—the power of Louis overshadowing the speed and boxing skill of the challenger to such an extent that Conn was outclassed in six of the eight rounds. In the first, which was an even round, neither battler exhibited to the spectators a semblance of fighting and in the third Conn had a shade, but in all other rounds the Pittsburgh Kid looked like a raw novice against the standout fighter of the century.

In rounds, unlike their previous engagement in which Billy was ahead up to the time Joe's artillery bombed him out of the picture, the champ was far in the lead this time. Referee Eddie Joseph gave Louis five rounds to two for Billy, while Judge Frank Forbes and Jack O'Sullivan tabbed the bout prior to the knockout, five for Louis, one for Conn and one even. My scorecard agreed with the latter and in points, I tabbed 10 to 1 for the champion.

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CONN acted like a scared rabbit. He was afraid to take any chances. From the moment he got into the ring until the final count was made by Referee Joseph, he was bent on only one thing—to tire his man by circling around him and keeping away from Joe as much as was possible.

Unlike the carefree, cocksure Billy Conn who bragged in his camp about his prowess and how readily he would outpoint Louis to win the crown, Billy seemed to have lost his bravado and self-confidence. He gave the fans a most listless exhibition, a sorrowful performance for one who was to be paid so fabulously. His performance was much along the lines of that of Bob Pastor against Louis some years ago.

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HE DANCED about the ring, backing away at every opportunity, circled to Joe's right repeatedly to avoid being tagged and only occasionally attempted to open up. A flick of the glove now and then, a jab to the face and a few hooks to the body were the sum total of Conn's attack during the entire evening. His was a most disappointing display considering all the good things that had been written about him and his fine work against the champ when they last had faced each other in the roped square.

When he entered the ring he looked like one who foresaw his doom as did the majority of the scribes and acted the part. The confidence that was his throughout his long training period was gone. He had lost his bravado and it was evident that he would be easy prey for the defending champion.

As in all his previous contests in which his adversary had once before engaged him in combat, Joe did the job quicker in

the return mill. He has never failed to improve his performance on the second time around and the second Conn bout was no exception. Conn seemed to have lost his wits. Time and again he permitted himself to be backed into a corner and fortunately for him, Louis missed landing effectively on those occasions until the sixth round when he finally got the range and hit the mark with extreme accuracy. From then to the finish, it was simply a question of time before the punch soporific would be landed.

Joe had Billy's number, and the challenger knew it, judging by his scared appearance. He seemed jittery when he realized that his plan of battle, that of tiring the champ by stepping around him, wouldn't work. Louis was just as determined to keep his title as was Billy to take it from him and Joe made certain that the latter would not happen by being the aggressor throughout. He never let up following his man doggedly about the ring in an effort to catch up with him and when he finally did and knew that he had stalked his prey, it didn't take long for his sharp striking, powerful blows to end the fray.

Joe carried whatever fighting there was to his opponent. He jabbed often, snapped Billy's head back with stinging lefts when he could get into firing range. Many of the jabs that Conn attempted to land were checked by the Bomber much in the manner made famous by Jack Johnson. Louis either threw down the blows or caught them with open gloves.

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THE general opinion was that Louis could have taken Conn into camp any time he thought was ripe for the execution. He waited, however, for the proper openings and when they presented themselves, he struck out with speed and unerring aim; his punches landing with the accuracy of a sharpshooter and Conn lay on his back a defeated, knocked out challenger.

The second round was the only one in which Louis felt the sting of Conn's punch. In that session the challenger caught the champ napping and crossed a beautiful right to Joe's jaw that shook Louis. Had Billy followed up as he should have, instead of retreating, there might have been a different story to tell. It was Bill's best punch of the fight, his best effort, but apparently he didn't possess sufficient confidence in himself and let an excellent chance go by.

With a weight advantage of 25 pounds, a considerably heavier wallop, and an exceedingly fast and sharper left jab, the punch for which Conn is noted, Louis stood above his rival like a giant above a pigmy. Conn just didn't fit into the picture on this occasion.

Louis' victory continues a unique record, that of having rolled up twenty-two consecutive triumphs in title defenses. He has lost some of his fighting skill, a lot of his sharpness, is slower than he was in prewar days, but he still possesses the one thing that counts most in pugilism—the lethal wallop. He again proved that he stands supreme among present day fighters. He still is king of the ring. He was so superior to Conn, so much the master of the situation, that there could be no argument on his right to rule the roost.

Billy tried several times to get Joe off the mark by passing remarks, but the champ paid no attention to him. "Trying to kill an old pal, Joe?" asked Billy at one stage. Joe answered with two straight lefts to the face that snapped Conn's head back.

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ROUND after round found the spectators waiting for some action but Conn had the "nothing doing sign" hung out and it was entirely up to the defending king to make the fight. Joe couldn't close with Conn, try as he did for seven rounds. It was like a game of tag with the exception that in this case the man who was trying to do the tagging while his opponent tried to get out of reach, was Joe Louis. How long could he continue that? Well, until he tired of chasing the challenger. Then he announced to his chief second and trainer, Mannie Seaman: "I'm going out to fight this fellow and see if he can take it."

That was during the intermission between the seventh and eighth rounds. The "plodding along act" had reached its limit. Louis decided it was time to call a halt, and since his opponent had chosen to refuse to fight, he would make it easier for Billy by putting him to sleep instead of keeping 45,000 fight fans and millions of radio listeners pleading for Conn to do something in return for the huge purse which he was to obtain under false pretense.

The crowd was bored. The radio team of Bill Corum and Don Dunphy were having a tough time of it. They were trying to do what Conn had failed in putting over—give the fans a fight.

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THE gong sounded for the eighth round. Louis rushed out. Inadvertently his gloves touched those of his adversary. Then he drew back and began a barrage that awakened all hands to the realization that a ring battle was really in progress. The bored look of the champ was gone. Determination was now imprinted on his poker face. He was out to close the dismal show and save the spectators further pains and this he accomplished in a jiffy.

He crowded in and nailed Billy with a powerful right to the jaw. Conn, with a sickening smile, spoke up to Joe, in a kidding vein of course, "Take it easy, Joe, don't hurt your pal."

But Joe didn't hear that remark. The patient, stalking champion had finally found the opening which he had been seeking for seven rounds. As Conn fell back, Louis crashed home a left and right to the jaw. Billy spun around. He was shaken and staggered. Quick as a flash the champ went after the kill. Now he knew he had his man where he wanted him. He sensed it would be over in a jiffy and he made certain there would be no further delay.

Another left and right to the jaw and Billy crumpled to the feet of his opponent. Louis stepped back before Billy had a chance to grab Joe's trunks for any support and the challenger was stretched on the canvas, flatter than a pancake. He rested on the full length of his back while Referee Joseph chanted the count.

Joseph crouched above the fallen victim. Loudly he counted. At six, Billy tried to get to his feet but couldn't. At seven he was still down and the muscles of his legs flexed, his arms moved, and his body worked convulsively, but he couldn't rise. When the count of nine was reached, Billy finally got to a sitting position and desperately he attempted to get to his feet but when the chant of ten reached his ears, he was still down and the fight had ended.

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THE flurry of punches that greeted Conn during that round was all the fighting seen in a bout that grossed with the movie and television rights beyond $2,000,000, a rather sad commentary on the ability of the challenger. That performance of Conn ill became a fighter who was so highly touted by press and fight fans. He owed them far more than he was willing to give. Had he fought even only spasmodically, just enough to make the fans feel that they were not being hoaxed, his defeat would not have disgraced him.

But by his feeble, half-hearted performance, he gave the game that enabled him to gain fame and fortune, a black eye. He opened the field for vicious attacks on the sport by press, spectators and even in Congress. Perhaps had not Promoter Mike Jacobs charged the tremendously high fee of $100 a ringside ticket, Conn's mediocre, amateurish performance would have received only passing comment. But when fight fans pay close to $2,000,000 to see a championship fight and are treated to a listless, dull affair with less than half a dozen punches tossed by the challenger, one cannot blame the public for the uncomplimentary remarks hurled by those who pay the freight. The public welcomes the decision of the victim to retire from further ring competition. He had blown his chances without throwing a single hostile blow.

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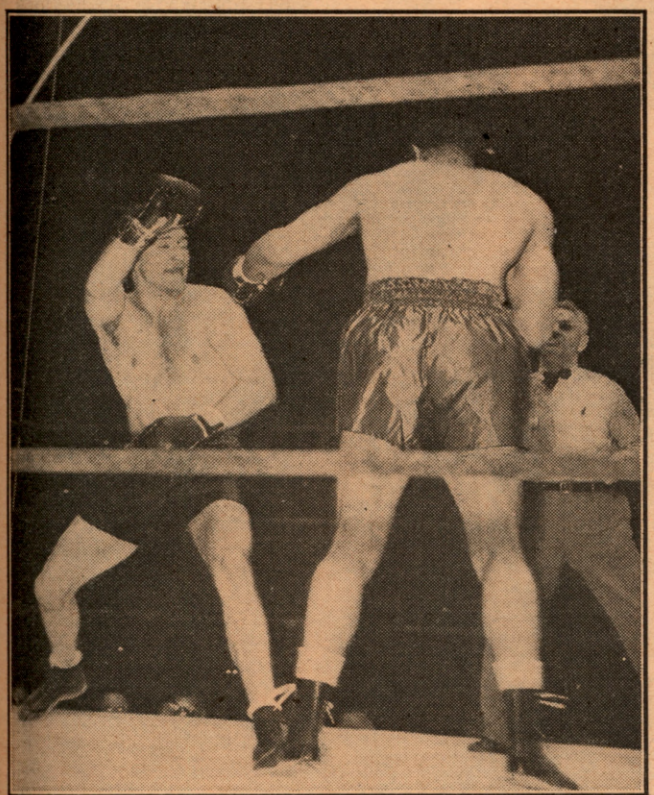
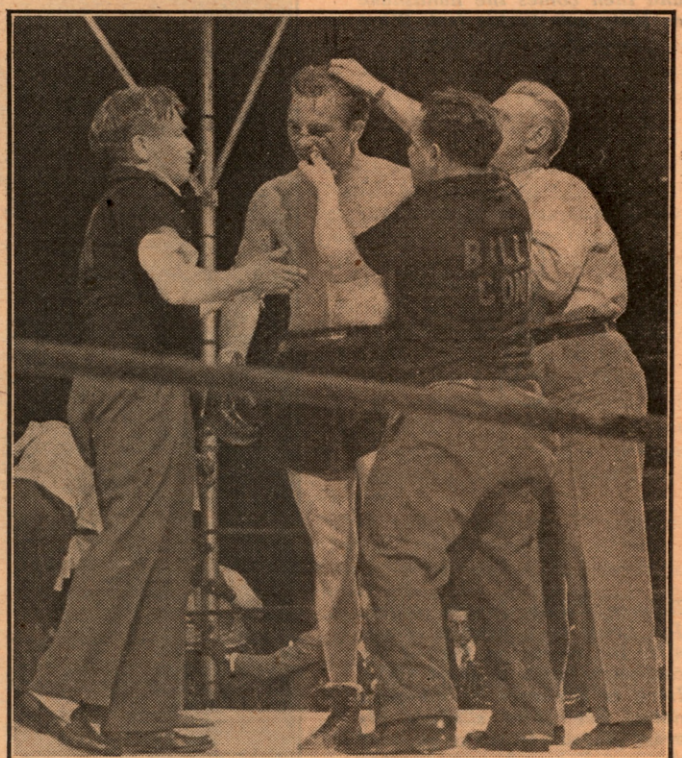
THE small crowd of 45,266, considering the expected attendance, and the gate of only $1,925,564, indicated the extent to which the average fan *(Continued on page 8)*

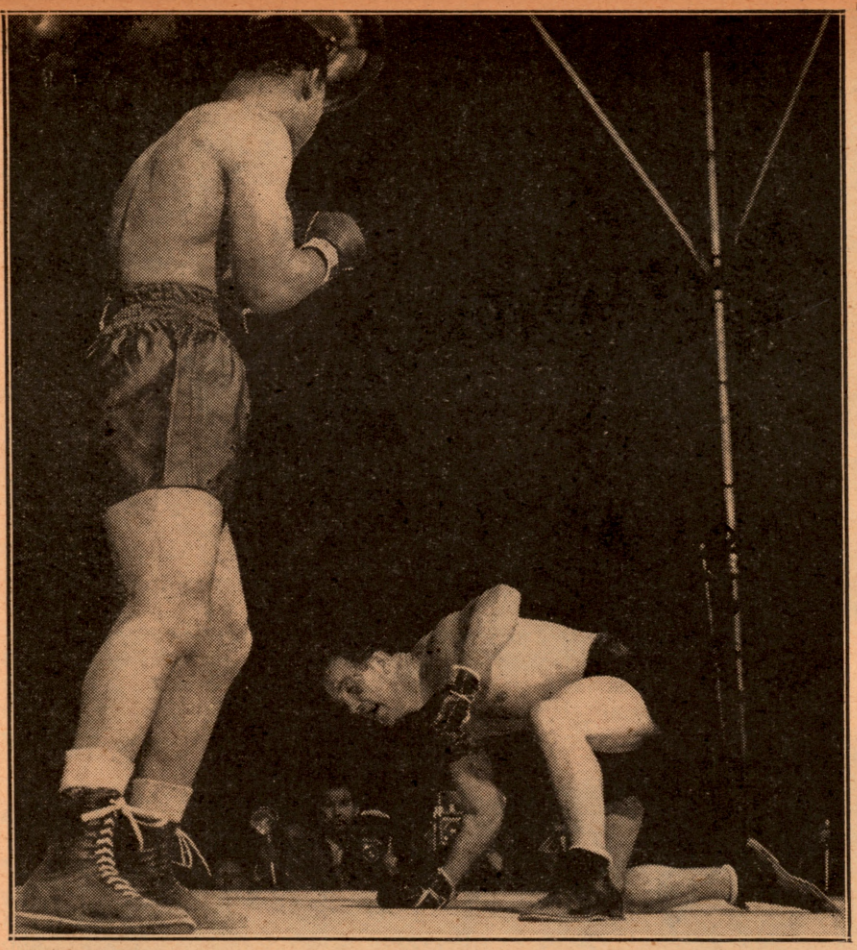
Here is Joe Louis getting the best of an exchange of left jabs during the seventh round of his fight with Billy Conn. Note Conn's rather tired expression compared to Joe's comparative freshness. The Brown Bomber surprised Conn and the crowd by repeatedly outjabbing the Pittsburgh Kid.



Conn is flailing his arms about foolishly in an attempt to befuddle the stalking champion. Most press box observers knew the jig was up with Conn as early as the second round when he engaged in amateurish pyrotechnics every time Louis cornered him.



The beaten Conn is helped back to his corner by Referee Eddie Joseph. That's Trainer Freddie Fierro soaking Billy with the sponge while he removes his mouthpiece. Downhearted Johnny Ray (left), the ex-fighter, manager of Billy the Kid (left), seems to be on the verge of tears as he watches his protege.



A slip—not a knockdown this time. Billy goes down on one knee after he tries to connect with a right-hander that missed as Joe stepped back. The Brown Bomber stands over his man and then comes the handshake as Billy gets to his feet. What follows, is ring history.

Billy Conn Blows Chance

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revolted at the high prices of admission. Had the price been scaled lower, the stadium would have been packed and the gate would have gone close to $3,000,000.

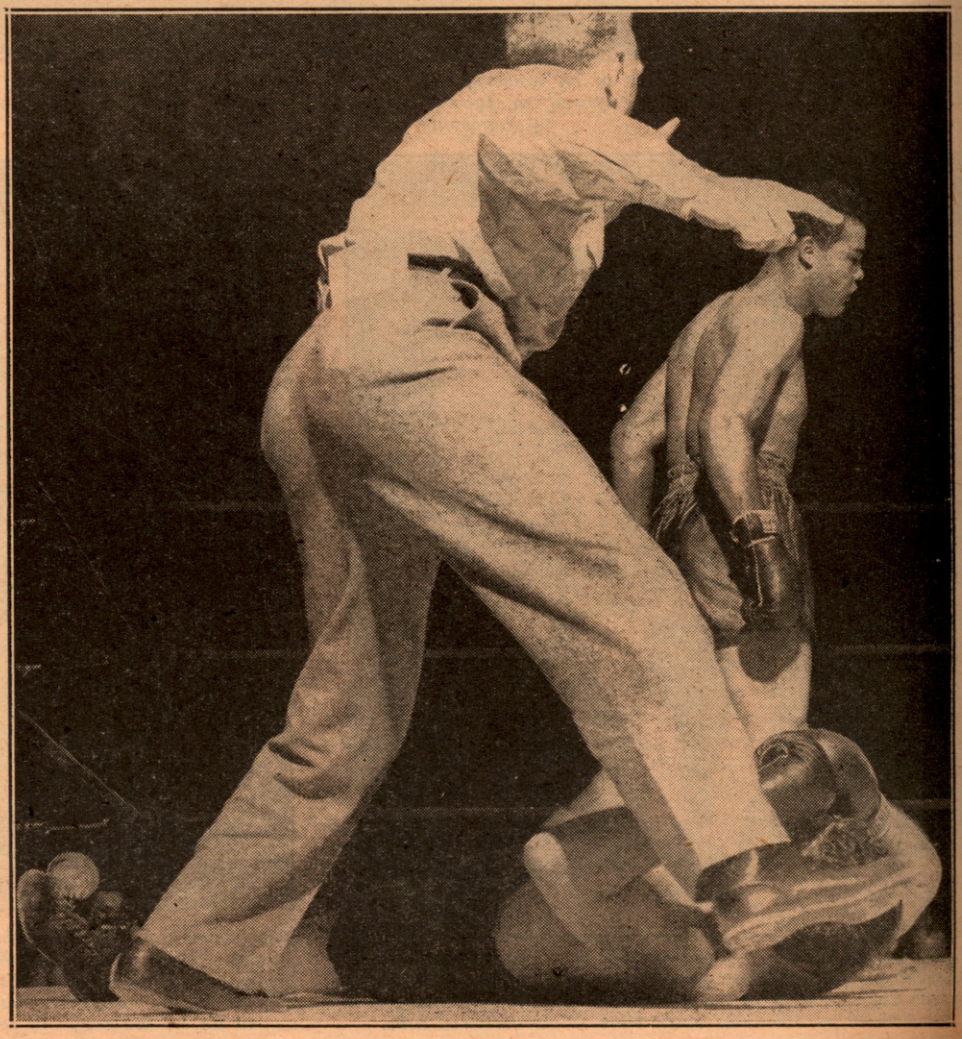
The first demonstrated one thing—that $100 tops is entirely too high even in these times of high finance. The commission should prevent such a price for future bouts. It is in the best interests of the sport that a price within reach of all is the proper procedure for future world championship contests.

The financial report of the fight follows:

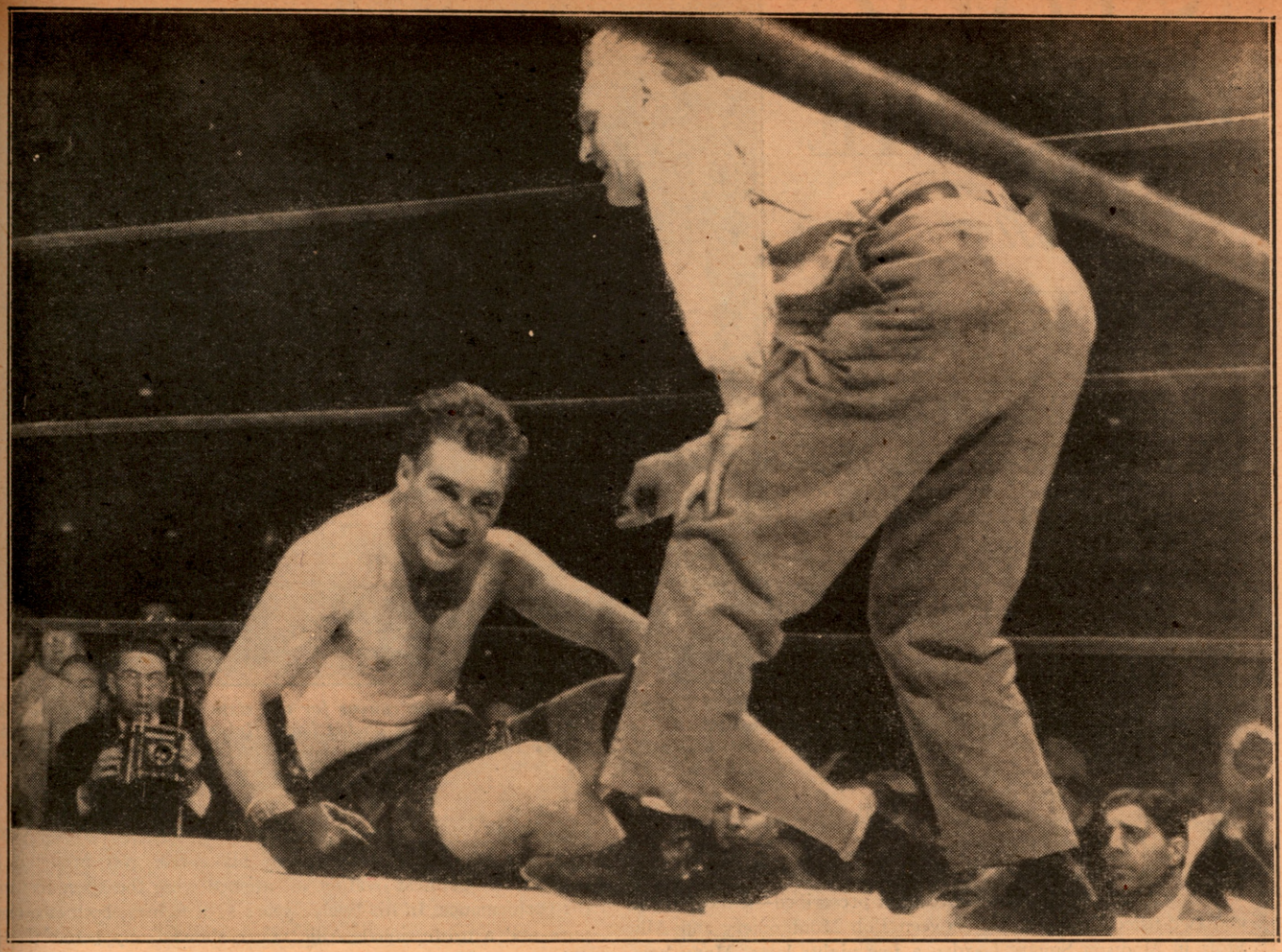
Gross receipts	$1,925,564
Net receipts	1,514,791
Radio and television	50,000
Total net receipts	1,564,791
Louis' share—40%	625,916
Conn's share—20%	312,958
Estimated expenses	300,000

As for the immediate future of the division. The best two contenders for the title are Tami Mauriello and Jersey Joe Wolcott, and of these Louis has accepted Mauriello as his next opponent. Bruce Woodcock, third in line, the British Empire heavyweight champion, who was stopped by Mauriello, wouldn't last more than a few rounds against Joe.

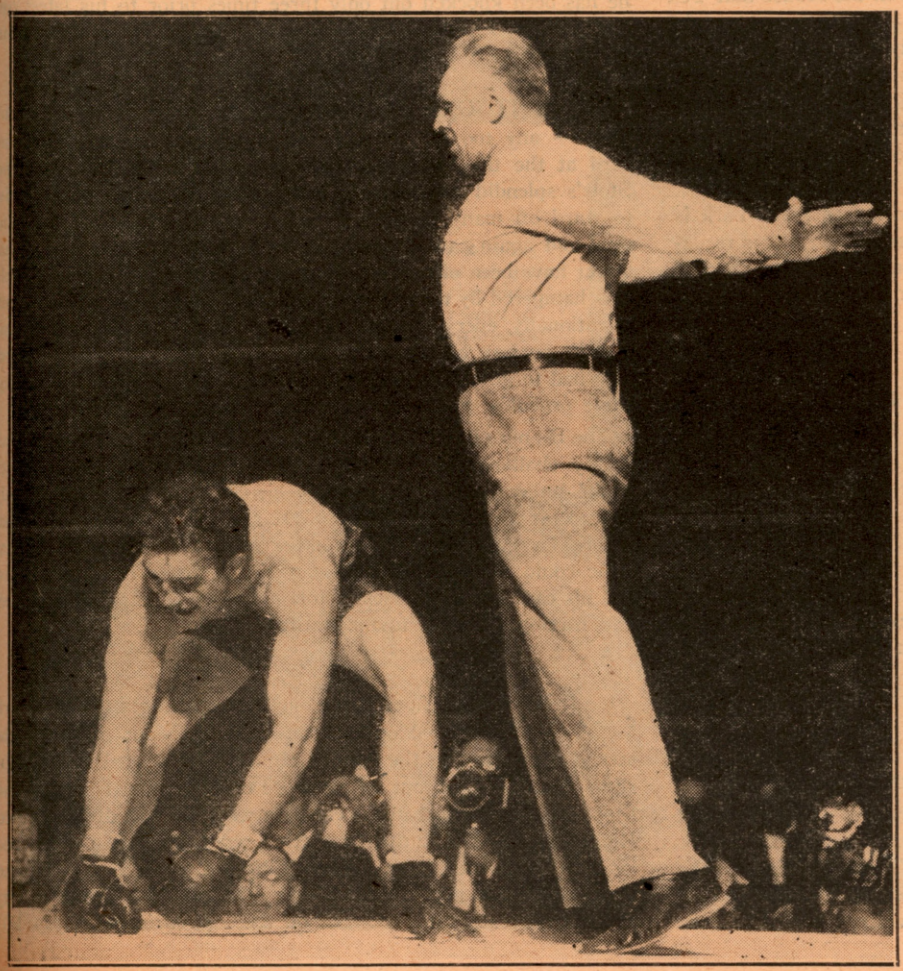
While speculation was rampant as to whether or not Joe Louis would fight again



Referee Eddie Joseph orders Joe Louis to a neutral corner after the champion floored the challenger with a short right. Here is a chance to compare notes. See Billy shading his eyes? No, not from the glare of the arc lights, but an unconscious action. The same thing happened when Jack Johnson shaded his eyes in the fight with Jess Willard. Conn backs our claim in the Johnson battle.



Billy Conn, his eye puffed and bridge of nose split, dazedly sits on canvas.



this year, Promoter Mike Jacobs announced on July 11 that the Bronx Italian, Tami Mauriello, had been signed to box the Brown Bomber at the Yankee Stadium on September 18.

The ringside price of $30, which was announced, is a big comedown from the $100 tariff for the Louis-Conn affair.

The Yankee Stadium is near Mauriello's neighborhood, and the tough Italian youngster who started boxing professionally as a welterweight seven years ago, has always had a tremendous personal following. The bout could conceivably draw a million dollars, though I figure it will not gross more than $700,000.

This will mark Joe's twenty-third defense of his title. Louis will receive somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 per cent, while Mauriello's take is reported to be 15 per cent.

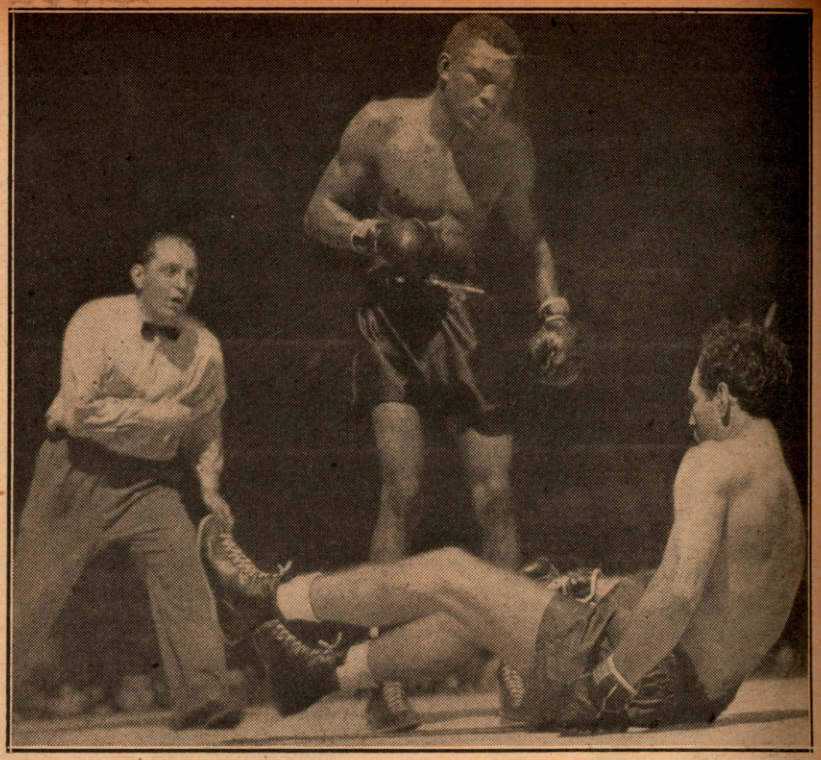
Already caustic criticism is being directed at the match, but in all fairness to Tami, it must be observed that he is definitely no worse than any of Louis' other opponents. He is a hard hitter, has proven he can take a hefty wallop, and is a seasoned enough scrapper to be boxing for the world's heavyweight championship. At any rate, it is safe to say that there will be far more fighting by Tami than there was by Conn.

Ten and out says Referee Joseph, who tolled the fatal count over Conn five years previously.

STOLZ IS GAME *in* DEFEAT

Gives Scintillating Exhibition But Is Kayoed in 13th —Montgomery vs. Williams Bout Now in Order to End Dual Lightweight Championship Claim

By NAT FLEISCHER



This is how Stolz was dropped to the canvas for the sixth and last time. From this position Allie toppled to the canvas flat on his back. Referee Ruby Goldstein rushes forth while Montgomery stands over the fallen victim before being ordered to a neutral corner.

THE sour taste that was left in the mouths of New York fight fans following the Louis-Conn bout at the Yankee Stadium, was entirely cleared away by the best antidote that could possibly have been prescribed—a most thrilling, two-fisted, hectic battle between Bob Montgomery and Allie Stolz in Madison Square Garden a few nights later. Many hair-raising, scintillating mills have been staged in the House that Tex Built, but few have come up to the mark set by the lightweight contest in which Montgomery successfully defended his "world lightweight championship"—a title recognized only by the New York and Pennsylvania Boxing Commissions. Unfortunately not enough of the fistic gentry was present to enjoy this affair, as only 10,872 was the official paid attendance with a gross gate of $61,994.

Bob, who is the holder of the "title" so far as New York is concerned, while all the National Boxing Association States recognize Ike Williams as the crown wearer, knocked out Stolz in 2.54 of the thirteenth round after the challenger had put forth a stand such as seldom has been seen in a New York fistic encounter. A light left to the head, followed by a beautiful right cross to the jaw—a crushing blow—put the finishing touches to a bout that had the fans on edge from start to finish. The knockout punch landed Stolz flat on his back and Referee Ruby Goldstein counted the doleful decimal over the game Jerseyite.

Montgomery weighed 134¾ to 132½ for his victim.

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BOB showed determination from the sound of the opening gong. He never let up his relentless pursuit until he had landed the haymaker. He floored Stolz five times in the first twelve rounds but, try as he did, he couldn't keep the courageous Jersey lad down for keeps. There was no quitting in Stolz. He took everything his opponent fired his way and did a remarkable job considering the punishment he took. His opponent, in his eagerness to land one hefty wallop, took five from Allie, but every punch delivered by the "champ" had its effect on Stolz.

A steady body battering weakened the challenger to the point where he was ready to fall from exhaustion, yet he carried on bravely against great odds. It was Stolz's second bid for the honors bestowed on Montgomery by the New York and Pennsylvania commissions, but the little Newark veteran lacked the one essential that might have turned the tide in his favor—the punch.

It was his fourth knockout of his career, yet in defeat, he received his greatest ovation so satisfied were the spectators with his performance. In his twelve years as a fighter, both as a simon pure and a professional, Allie never showed any better than he did against Montgomery. During those long years as a pugilist, he has been knocked out only three times prior to his latest one, Pete Scalzo, Beau Jack and Tippy Larkin having scored against him.

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MONTGOMERY was the master, but his margin wasn't any too big through the first twelve rounds. My score card at the time had Montgomery ahead seven, four and one. Stolz's splendid maneuvering and his classy boxing enabled him to ward off many punches. A slight shift of the head by Allie, time and again caused Montgomery to miss by an eyelash what might have been effective wallops. In addition to weariness, Stolz was hampered by the head work of his opponent, who, though not intentionally, every time the boys were at close range, pressed his noggin against Stolz's chin and forced Allie's head backward. Bob had to go out at full speed to retain his title. Had he let up, Stolz probably would have relieved him of it.

The champ played for the body at every opportunity. The frail Jersey challenger took those ripping right handers round after round, but in the end, they proved his downfall. He could scarcely put up his hands to protect himself and was almost helpless just before the final crash. On a number of occasions it appeared that Allie could no longer carry on, yet even after he was dropped and his case looked hopeless, Stolz surprised by regaining his feet and forcing the fight to the finish of the round.

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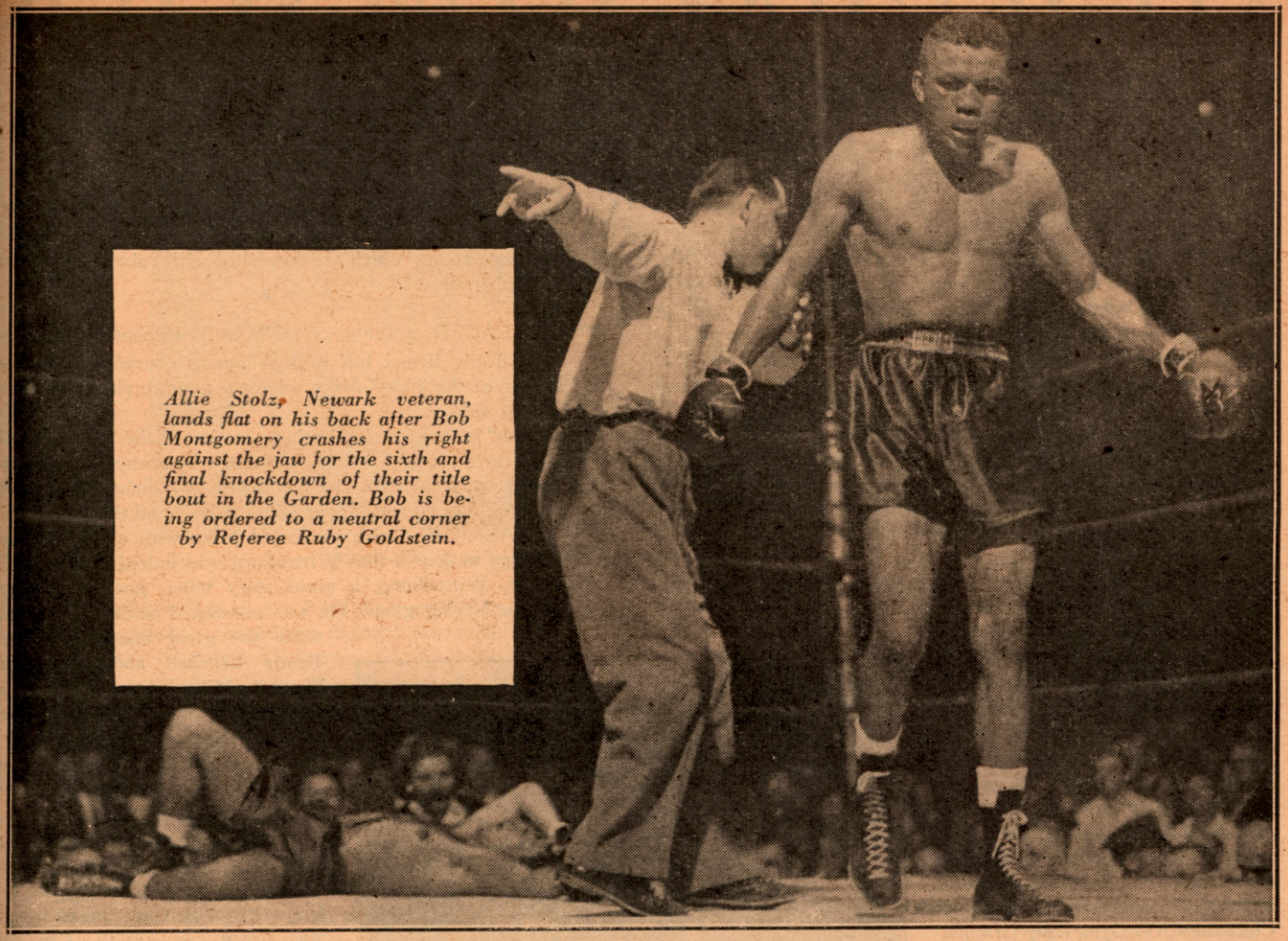
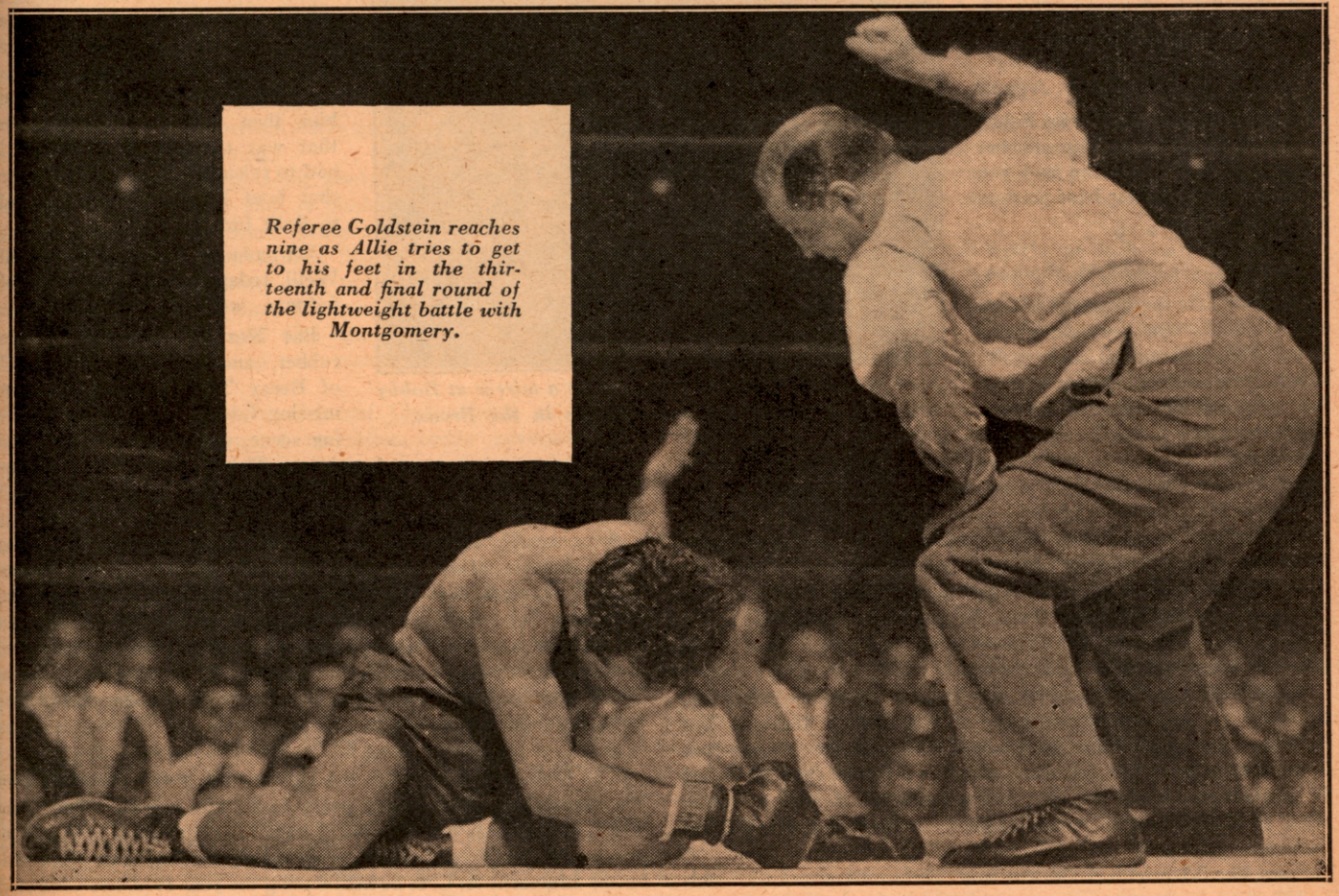
ALL told Bob floored his opponent six times. The Newark veteran landed on the canvas for a count of two in the second round and in the fifth, a right smash placed Allie in the resin dust for a count of seven. Perfectly timed hitting had Stolz on uneasy street in the eleventh when he was dropped twice. Rights to the jaw turned the trick, once for a six count and again for a count of two. When Allie got to his feet the second time, pandemonium reigned in the Garden. The crowd's lusty cheers practically lifted the roof off the *(Continued on page 20)*

THE FINISH *of a* THRILLING BOUT



Allie Stolz, Newark veteran, lands flat on his back after Bob Montgomery crashes his right against the jaw for the sixth and final knockdown of their title bout in the Garden. Bob is being ordered to a neutral corner by Referee Ruby Goldstein.



Referee Goldstein reaches nine as Allie tries to get to his feet in the thirteenth and final round of the lightweight battle with Montgomery.

GYMS ALONG *the* WALK

New Gymnasiums Sprout Up With Record Number of Boxers Seeking Training Quarters

By IRVING RUDD

JACOBS' BEACH, that narrow strip of asphalt on New York City's 49th Street, is generally regarded as the Rialto of the boxing world, but the Beach which is bounded on the west by Madison Square Garden and Mike Jacobs' new headquarters, and is adjacent to Stillman's Gym, Manhattan's Mecca of Mayhem, has many outlying precincts in the form of gymnasium hangouts which the fight follower outside of New York rarely hears about.

These comparatively obscure boxing bistros, each a miniature "Jacobs' Beach" unto itself, boasts its own characters, star pugilists, and other colorful accoutrements which sets them completely apart from the rest of the boxing world. With the fight game booming at an all time high and more and more new pugilists being licensed every day, local gymnasiums are packed with pugs like never before.

"I haven't got another inch of locker space," wails Proprietor Lou Stillman of the famed gym which bears his name. Thus within the past year or two, the lesser known gyms have begun to acquire many headline boxers as clients where heretofore they catered mostly to amateur boxers or tired businessmen. Today, aside from Stillman's, one hears of topnotch fighters training at Gleason's, the Trinity Club, the CYO Gym, Billy Grupp's, and the Salem-Crescent Club in New York.

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HARD by the Third Avenue "El" in the Bronx is Bobby Gleason's Gymnasium. You clamber up a long flight of stairs and you land in a neat, spotless headquarters of clout.

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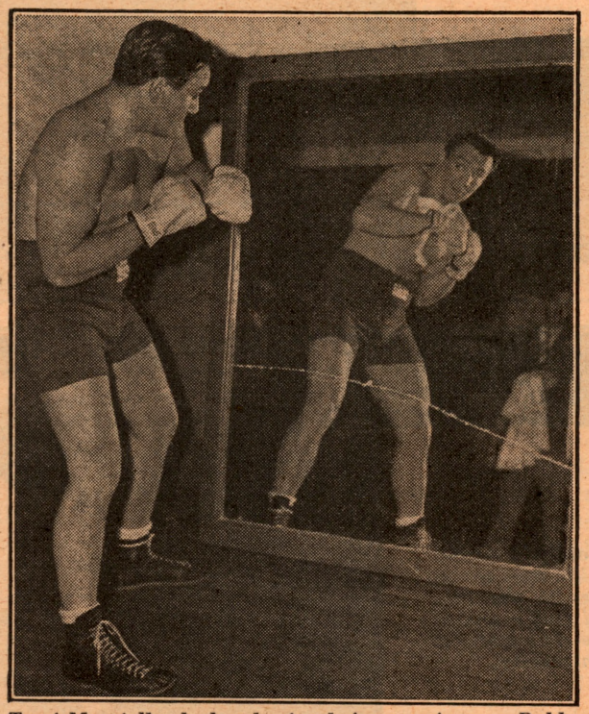
BOBBY GLEASON, the proprietor, is the manager of former N. B. A. featherweight champion, Phil Terranova, and many other good boxers. Bobby opened the gym on Westchester Avenue eight years ago primarily as a convenience for Terranova and the rest of his stable of fighters in order to save them the daily tiring trip back and forth from the Bronx to Manhattan.



Tami Mauriello shadow boxing before a mirror at Bobby Gleason's newly outfitted quarters in the Bronx.

Before long other Bronx boxers asked to use the gymnasium to train for bouts and now Gleason's has approximately one hundred fighters registered as members. Tami Mauriello, Jake LaMotta, his younger brother Joey, Terranova, Chester Rico, Vic Costa, Vince LaSalva, and Frank Poreda are just a few of the headline scrappers who train regularly at Bobby's gym.

Upon entering Gleason's, a sign which prohibits profanity, smoking, spitting, and unnecessary noises, attracts the eye. The light and heavy punching bags are flanked by the boxing ring in the center. Seats for spectators who pay a fifteen cent admission fee are situated along the side, and towards the rear is a modernistic tiled shower stall, sweat cabinet, scales, and the individual lockers.

Stars like Mauriello, LaMotta, and Terranova rent little cubicles or private rooms which are furnished with rubbing tables and other paraphernalia.

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THIN-FACED, graying, genial Mike Wittenburg is the manager of the Bronx biff mill. A quaint character known as the "Mayor of the Hub," Mike solemnly assures visitors that his is no phony title.

The "Hub" is that teeming business section of the Bronx located on 149th Street which is thickly populated by many huge department stores. Back in 1926 the merchants by official ballot voted for Mike Wittenburg as "Mayor of the Hub", and the late former Governor Alfred E. Smith presented Mike with a specially engraved badge to denote that Wittenburg was indeed the "Mayor".

However, Wittenburg, a great story teller, goes back many years in the boxing game. He was associated with Billy Gibson when the great manager handled Benny Leonard and later Gene Tunney. Mike Wittenburg was in the corner the night John Lester Johnson, the huge Negro heavyweight, stove in three of Jack Dempsey's ribs and trounced the Manassa Mauler.

"They each got about $97 for that fight," Wittenburg revealed. "The fight took place at the old Commonwealth Club and each man was down for 17½%. Can you imagine? Jack Dempsey getting a shellacking of the worst kind, and only ninety-seven bucks for his trouble! John the Barber managed him then and everyone thought that was the end of Dempsey. I had to release Johnson shortly after that bout because no one wanted to fight him."

Wittenburg also recalled how Al Weill, today a leading manager of fighters, was once his office boy.

Bat Norfolk, the huge Negro rubber, and erstwhile "sparmate" of Beezy Thomas, who has been missing lately from the local boxing scene, was discovered at Gleason's where he is a general assistant. Those who frequent the uptown emporium speak in awed whispers of "The Miracle Man," named Asher Abravoya.

A personable individual of Turkish-Italian descent, Abravoya, "The Miracle Man" has been credited with many miraculous "cures" through massage therapy. Number One Middleweight contender Jake LaMotta sings Asher's praises as he exults over the lack of pain in his left hand from an old injury which he claims Abravoya eliminated. Vic Costa, the welterweight, had a "trick knee" which caused him trouble when boxing, but Abravoya cured it with massage.

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LITTLE Bobby Gleason, the gym owner, was a topnotch bantamweight about thirty years back. His private office from which he conducts his business, is tastefully furnished with photographs. An old, frayed boxing program announcing bouts sponsored by the Malverne A. C. to be held during the year 1912, has Gleason's

name on it. He boxed a ten rounder and there were several other tens on the same card. General admission was fifty cents!

Gleason is a far-sighted individual who does all he can to encourage and promote boxing among the youth of the neighborhood. The Police Athletic League uses the gym to train its young fistic fledglings, and a huge sign on the front door announces that any lad interested in boxing who wishes to learn the manly art may enroll at Gleason's Gym free of charge and receive instructions from experts. An unselfish way of bringing new young blood into the business and stimulating interest in boxing in general!

Mauriello in a body reducing exercise at Gleason's Gym.

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WHEN you leave Gleason's Gym, take a crosstown trolley, then a bus, and get off at the corner of 116th Street and Eighth Avenue in the heart of Harlem. Here is the gymnasium where most Negro fighters of note train daily, with the unconquerable "Sugar" Ray Robinson leading the parade. Until a few years ago this gymnasium was known as Grupp's Gym.

In the years preceding the first World War, Grupp's Gymnasium was to boxing what Mike Jacobs' headquarters is to the sport today. Every fighter of note trained at Grupp's. Benny Leonard in his prime, Gene Tunney, Tiger Flowers, Johnny Dundee, Jack Britton, Harry Wills, Kid Norfolk—the list is endless. Here, too, Harry Balogh got his start as an announcer as he introduced the numerous fistic greats when they stepped into a ring to begin sparring.

Today, the gym, looking a bit seedy and rundown, has no special name. The boxing ring is pitched in the center of the floor surrounded by the locker rooms and showers. In addition to Ray Robinson, Gene Burton and Shamus O'Brien are among other topflight Negro fighters who train in Harlem. The venerable Bill Miller, who trained the great Tiger Flowers, is one of the few old timers around who can go back to the glorious past of Grupp's. Billy Grupp now resides in St. Louis and is rarely heard from.

Harlem also has the Salem-Crescent Club located at 129th Street and Seventh Avenue, a recreation center governed by the Salem-Crescent A.M.E. Church and devoted to combatting juvenile delinquency among the youth in Harlem. This church gym caters mostly to amateur boxers and probably has turned out more Golden Gloves champions than any other simon pure association in the country. Since 1927 when the Golden Gloves tourney was inaugurated, at least half of the New York City squad has been comprised of Salem-Crescent stars.

In Grupp's the gang is proud of an ancient clock which was installed long before the quarters were converted into a gym. Bill Miller estimates it must be close to fifty years old and has kept perfect time. "It's kept ticking along and outlasted almost all of the old timers," Bill relates. "I guess when that ol' clock stops, we leave here."

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OUR sojourn takes us across the East River to Brooklyn and into the Brownsville section along Livonia Avenue with its sprawling pushcarts, the raucous cries of the peddlers, and the many housewives toting their shopping bags. The intermingling odors of a fruit store, a kosher delicatessen, and a herring stand assail the nostrils as you wend your way upstairs into a poolroom complete with "sharks," ticker machine, and baseball and racing scoreboard.

Groping through the smoke one emerges upon the gym, a room about the size of a lodge meeting hall. Charlie Beecher's Gym it is called, although affable Charlie, a featherweight great of many years ago, has long since sold it to Fight Manager Sammy Aaronson.

The faded pictures of fighters on the wall tell a great story of their own regarding the history of the tiny gym which is a fistic institution in the Brownsville section. Every fighter of note who came from this slum section of Brooklyn received his preliminary training at Beecher's. Even when they hit the top, they still returned to the neighborhood and trained for important matches. Lew Feldman, Bernie Friedkin, the late Al Davis, Morris Reif, Harold Green and many others got their start in back of the pool hall.

It was the incomparable "Bummy" Davis who really put the gym on the map. Colorful, a terrific drawing card, and somewhat of a prima donna who wanted things his own way, Davis held court at Beecher's and the neighborhood faithful would pack the place to watch Bummy give his sparring partners "Ah zetz in Kishkes."

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WHEN Bummy worked there, the place was a riotous madhouse. One afternoon while he was preparing for a Garden battle, a squad of boxing writers, squired by Mike Jacobs, visited the rickety gym which lies alongside of an I.R.T. Elevated structure.

A big table sagging with the weight of such tasty delicacies as pastrami, corned beef, cold borscht, potato salad and pickles had been prepared for the visiting scribes. Dan Parker, whose columns in accent had kidded the citizens of Brownsville, was present and "the mob" hovered around him exchanging banter.

On a platter were several tiny, heavily-spiced peppers. When Parker inquired about them, Davis' brother, "Little Gangy," a most wonderful character quickly obliged. "Sweet like sugar they are! Here have one!" Unsuspecting, Parker grabbed the "red hot" victual and after one bite almost soared through the ceiling!

Things are more subdued under Sammy Aaronson's management. Aaronson is known as the "Branch Rickey of Boxing" because he is probably the only manager who maintains a "farm" system for boxers. He is as equally active in amateur tournaments in developing young lads as he is among the pros.

"I start all the raw kids off in my own little gym here," soft spoken Sammy explains. "Then if the novice shows any promise, I send him up to Stillman's and let him work out with some of the better men. If he's got ability, he remains there, otherwise he goes back to Brownsville for further seasoning, and I don't turn him pro or issue him an amateur card as the case may be, until he is absolutely ready."

Through this method over the past ten years, Aaronson, an astute judge of fighting ability who often dons the gloves himself to explain a point more clearly to his charges, has developed good boxers like Artie Levine, Charley *(Continued on page 35)*

DO YOU REMEMBER?

BILLY PETROLLE *the* FARGO EXPRESS

By CROSS COUNTER

Billy Petrolle, colorful Midwestern lightweight of fifteen years ago.

THIRTEEN years have passed since Billy Petrolle hung up the gloves and his shabby Navajo Indian blanket, and so fleeting is the fame of Fistiana, that not one fan in fifty could tell you of the present whereabouts of the grand little warrior whom sportswriters dubbed "The Fargo Express."

He never won a title, but boxing will never forget the stout-hearted Westerner with the blazing left hook who almost flattened Jimmy McLarnin, blasted the hopes of youthful Billy Townsend and came within a hairbreadth of belting out immortal Tony Canzoneri and Barney Ross.

This is the story of the Midwesterner who, with the aid of Barney Ross, hero of World War No. 2, put Mike Jacobs on the map as a world promoter. It is the saga of one of the most colorful figures in the history of the lightweight division, a lad who packed 'em in whenever he fought, because he never knew the meaning of the word stall.

Had the fight at the New York Coliseum, where Mike Jacobs, on behalf of Mrs. William Randolph Hearst's Milk Fund, promoted his first fistic show, been a failure, it is dollars to doughnuts that the Twentieth Century Impresario would have remained in his originally chosen field, that of a ticket speculator and never would have gained a foothold in the field of pugilism.

Today, with the Billy Conn-Joe Louis fight in the offing, Uncle Mike's rise to fame as a world promoter brings back to memory the career of one of the two ring gladiators to whom he owes all he has gained—Billy Petrolle, the Fargo Express.

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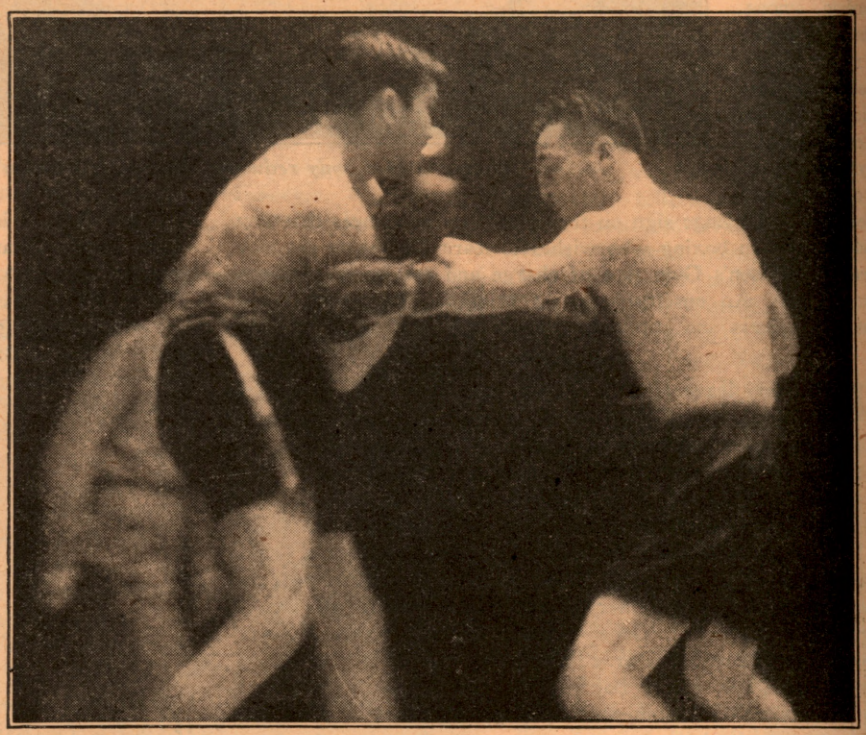
CONTRARY to popular belief, despite his colorful Fargo Express cognomen, Petrolle was not born and raised in Fargo, North Dakota. Billy first saw the light of day at Berwick, Pennsylvania, on January 10, 1905. Also disputing the popular legend of Fargo, N. D., being the home bailiwick of Petrolle, is a letter sent to Nat Fleischer, Editor of THE RING on March 21, 1932, by Mr. Walter B. Rae, an old-time fight fan. Mr. Rae wrote:



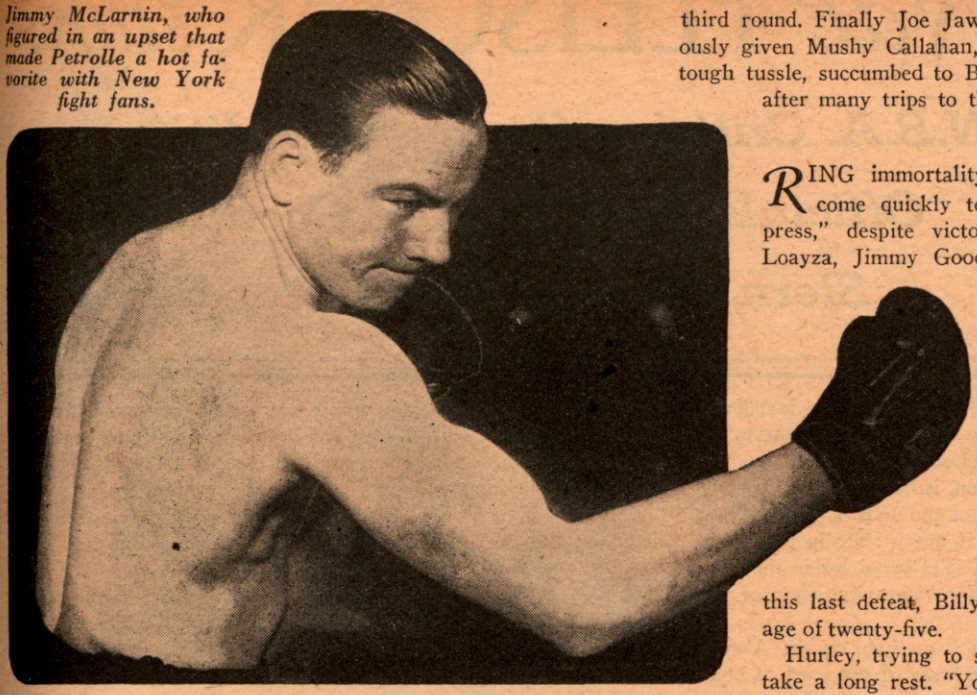
A scene in the Petrolle-Barney Ross fight at the Bronx Coliseum, the venture that put Mike Jacobs into the Big Time promotion class.

"Billy Petrolle is not now and never has been a resident of Fargo. I have known Petrolle for the past twelve years or since he first came out West. During all that time he has been a resident of Minnesota, coming first to Dilworth, a railway division village on the Northern Pacific Railroad about three miles east of Fargo.

"Petrolle," Mr. Rae related, "was first discovered by F. A. Mullen, a switchman employed by the Northern Pacific. Billy made his first, and numerous subsequent ring appearances in Fargo, hence the connection between him and the North Dakota town."

Be that as it may, Petrolle, one of four sons, worked as a railroad car checker before turning to the ring. As a youngster, he and his brothers Frankie and Pete, who later became better than average professional boxers, would practice boxing in the wind-swept old barn behind the house. Despite the bitter cold, the brothers would spar and train themselves as best they could.

It was the handsome, tall, thin, delicately-featured Jack Hurley who first saw latent greatness in Billy Petrolle. Hurley was promoting in the town of Fargo when he first took Billy under his wing in 1924. That was the beginning of a Damon and Pythias relationship between fighter and manager that ripened and stood the ravages of deceit, cheating and double dealing so prevalent in the boxing business, despite the fact that in all the years of their close association, Hurley and Petrolle never had a contract between them!



Jimmy McLarnin, who figured in an upset that made Petrolle a hot favorite with New York fight fans.

HURLEY taught Petrolle to bob and weave in the beginning, patterning his style after Jack Dempsey's. He taught Billy to concentrate primarily on the body.

"When they get their hands down to protect their body, hit 'em on the chin," was Hurley's advice.

The records show that Petrolle ran up quite a string of wins before he made his debut in Madison Square Garden on February 19, 1926. After flattening Eddie (Kid) Wagner out West in ten rounds, Billy was matched with Sammy Vogel, a tall, rangy kid from the sidewalks of New York. Many experts, including Benny Leonard, had predicted great things for Vogel. A clever boxer, Vogel had little trouble with the eager, unknown Petrolle. Sammy boxed brilliantly, stabbing away, occasionally dropping a thumping right to the chin which surely would have floored the average fighter.

Petrolle kept coming on, taking anything and everything the fast-stepping Gothamite was pitching his way. The crowd of 20,000 that packed Tex Rickard's new arena, began to cheer for the undaunted Westerner who plodded forward tirelessly, shaking off the best that Vogel landed. In the tenth and final round Petrolle had the Garden crowd hysterical and hoarse as he dumped Vogel flat on his back. The bell came to the New Yorker's rescue and he was awarded a well-merited decision, but it was Billy Petrolle whom the fans took to their hearts and the cheers and acclaim of the gathering rocked Madison Square Garden to its foundations.

That same year Petrolle fought brilliant battles against Sid Terris and Louis "Kid" Kaplan. Win, lose or draw, Eastern fans soon learned that a bout never lacked for thrills and action when Petrolle performed. Throughout his career Billy became renowned as a spoiler of promising young fighters.

Hilario Martinez, Spanish lightweight, who had made an impressive showing in Cuban and Florida rings, was signed to box Petrolle on October 29, 1926. Martinez had taken on the tough southpaw, Harry Wallach, whom other lightweights were avoiding. Martinez kayoed Wallach. Hilario had never been floored before in his career, but when he tangled with Petrolle he was stiffened in two frames.

In rapid succession Petrolle scored many startling knockout victories. Clever Tommy Murphy, Leo P. Flynn's pride and joy, was rocked to sleep in the third round. Johnny Pollock, a rough and ready ring journeyman, who had battled Jimmy Goodrich to a standstill, was chilled before half a heat had elapsed. Les Murray, an Australian newcomer with a good rep, ran into a barrage of terrific rights and a finishing left hook midway in the third round. Finally Joe Jawson of Milwaukee, who had previously given Mushy Callahan, Junior Welterweight Champion, a tough tussle, succumbed to Billy's battering fists in round seven after many trips to the deck.

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RING immortality and great fistic stature did not come quickly to Billy Petrolle, "The Fargo Express," despite victories over Ray Miller, Stanislaus Loayza, Jimmy Goodrich, and a knockout over Jackie "Kid" Berg, and other good fighters. The turning point of Petrolle's career came, strangely enough, after he was considered washed up.

On September 12, 1929, Petrolle was soundly beaten by stocky, barrel-chested King Tut of Minneapolis. Billy had won from the King on a foul and had fought two no-decision contests against him previously, but after this last defeat, Billy was believed to be finished at the age of twenty-five.

Hurley, trying to soften the blow, advised Petrolle to take a long rest. "You'll be ready for a good comeback in a few months," Hurley declared half-heartedly. Grimly, Petrolle agreed to hang up the gloves. He quit the ring with a neat bankroll of $75,000 which he had wisely invested.

For several months it felt wonderful to be away from the grind of training, to eat whatever he pleased and just loaf. However, the lure of the ring still had Petrolle in a firm grip. To ease the tension, Hurley arranged for a refereeing tour in Midwestern clubs, where Billy was extremely popular. This satisfied the Fargo Express for awhile, but eventually, after much persuasion and numerous arguments, he begged Hurley to reconsider and let him have one more try at boxing. This time Petrolle was determined to do or die in the attempt to garner a world's championship.

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THE layoff had done wonders for Petrolle. The rejuvenated gamester seemed to display more endurance, strength, punching power and speed. During the early part of 1930 he flattened ten of twelve foes of ordinary calibre whom he met on the comeback trail.

On September 11 of that eventful comeback year of 1930, the Fargo Express really came roaring down the boxing beat with throttle wide open as he lambasted Tony Canzoneri over the ten-round route to cop a decision in Chicago. Exactly a month later he was defeated in a ten-round Garden go by Jackie "Kid" Berg.

The Berg scrap was a close, corking setto and despite the fact that he lost, Petrolle was matched to meet Jimmy McLarnin on November 21, 1930. If the fight fans who have a spot in their hearts for the flat-nosed, beetle-browed Billy forget everything else concerning his fistic career, the memory of his historic first fight with the Vancouver Irishman will forever be recalled as a classic of the ring whenever stunning upsets are discussed.

The early odds which remained unchanged when both battlers entered the ring in Madison Square Garden were as high as 1 to 6 in favor of McLarnin. Jimmy had yet to win the welterweight title, a feat which was to take three more years, but at the time he was regarded as the "uncrowned king of the 147 pounders" — sometimes a hollow phrase smacking of press agentry; but in McLarnin's case the fact that Jimmy was the best man among the welters, was a hard fact to dispute.

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WHEN the odds of 1 to 6 were announced in favor of McLarnin, Jack Hurley unhesitatingly plunked down $1000 on Petrolle. "No one," shouted *(Continued on page 35)*

Nat FLEISCHER says:

N.B.A. Criticism Smacks of Politics

Officials Show Lack of Good Faith

Stern Measure Needed for Benefits

THE latest blast of the N.B.A. through its president, Abe Greene, and its executive secretary, Col. Harvey L. Miller, at Mike Jacobs, the Louis-Conn fight, and the New York Boxing Commission, is hardly proper in view of the conditions that prevail in most of the N.B.A. states. New York undoubtedly has its faults, but if every state in the union were to handle boxing as efficiently as it is cared for in the Empire State, there would be little need for vicious criticism of the sport by national legislators.

Elsewhere in this editorial comment is an item on the Akron, Ohio, boxing commission. Can any true lover of the sport of boxing read of the riotous scenes created by members of the commission without feeling that there is something radically wrong in other states than in New York?

How often have the newspapers reported "no contests," "held up purses," "investigations of fixed fights"—all of which emanated in states that are affiliated with the N.B.A.?

How often have suspensions been meted out to top fighters in New York and in other states for grave offenses, yet despite working agreements between such states that are not members of the N.B.A. and states that are, these box office attractions have immediately been given haven by the N.B.A. because of the possibility of a good gate.

The N.B.A. has its own lightweight champion in Ike Williams, yet permits one of its outstanding member states, Pennsylvania, to bill Bob Montgomery, a Philadelphian, as the world champion! Why? Because the Bobcat is one of the leading attractions in Philadelphia, and naturally, it ill behooves the chairman of the N.B.A. to toss aside the support of the Pennsylvania Commission in favor of its native son.

In the quarterly ratings broadcast to the world by the N.B.A., we find the following: "The N.B.A. calls for a new deal which will take boxing out of the cash register class and restore it to competitive sport. Let's forget the concentration on high-priced tickets and record gates and pay more attention to giving the up and coming youngsters a chance.

"The blame for this condition stems from New York. The Louis-Conn bout has brought undeserved criticism to boxing generally throughout the country, when New York alone is to blame."

I wonder how Abe Greene and his chief executive, Col. Harvey Miller, can reconcile the above attack on New York and Mike Jacobs with the staging of the Sammy Angott-Beau Jack fight in Washington, the territory over which Miller reigns as supreme head!

I also wonder how Harvey Miller and Abe Greene can honestly face the fight fans and adhere to their principle of fair play on behalf of boxing and "the up and coming youngsters" when on the very day on which their report was issued, the Angott-Beau Jack fiasco, wherein Angott quit in his corner with an injured hip, took place under the very nose of Col. Miller, with his direct sanction as chairman of the commission before a gathering of 10,358 that paid $41,088!

Didn't Col. Miller, a gentleman who is thoroughly versed in boxing, who knows every angle of the sport, realize when the match was made that they had dug Sammy Angott out of the pugilistic graveyard to face one of the world's greatest welterweights?

Wasn't that the time that the N.B.A., guided by Harvey Miller, should have put its foot down and told the boxing world that the N.B.A. would not permit such has-beens as Angott to engage in a Washington bout when many "up and coming youngsters" were available for the Beau Jack shot in Washington?

Why did Harvey Miller and his colleagues not put their feet down on the Angott-Jack fight when the suggestion was made to foist Sammy Angott on Washington patrons, who paid such a huge sum to see what was being advertised in the capital as "a fight that will draw the record gate for Washington"?

I wonder what is the difference between "concentration on high-priced tickets and record gates in New York" and in Washington, D. C.! New York was aiming for a record gate at the Louis-Conn fight. Washington was aiming at its record gate in the Angott-Jack contest. In New York Billy Conn, who was the legitimate outstanding contender, rated so for four consecutive years by the N.B.A., was one of the principals against whom the N.B.A. centered its attack, whereas in Washington, Sammy Angott, a man who has retired six times to date, and was recognized as a fighter who was absolutely through with the mitt slinging game, was one of the principals.

Let's be fair about our criticisms. If I recall, both Harvey Miller and Abe Greene were outstanding in their praise of Billy Conn prior to the fight. Abe Greene when interviewed at Conn's camp spoke in profusive terms of Billy's wonderful condition and the great chance that he had to take the title.

If it is publicity that the N.B.A. officials are seeking, I am afraid they are barking up the wrong tree in the remarks they are making because the public is fully aware of what is going on in the boxing world.

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AKRON, OHIO, was the scene of a most unusual occurrence recently. The Lee Savold-Shamus O'Brien fight featured a good card of boxing at the Rubber Bowl with an attendance of 5,567 paid admissions and a gross gate of $11,536.75. The crowd, one of the best in size for that city in many moons, enjoyed the keen contest and at the end of the show sat back waiting to hear the expected verdict—O'Brien the winner. Instead, Referee Eddie Atlas and Judges Tony Chudick and Jimmy Darrah handed Savold the honors on a silver platter.

He got the unanimous decision, and following the announcement, a riotous scene developed in which the boxing commission did more to get the affair going than did the fans. Gatha Walker, member of the commission, leaped into the ring shouting for justice. He crumpled his hat, waved his arms and demanded that the verdict be changed. He even announced that he would resign. "That decision is too much for me," he said.

Ross Rizzo, another member of the board, grabbed the ballots of the officials and raced around the ringside shouting: "They've got to do something about this."

Thus two men whose duty it is to see that competent officials handle the bouts at Akron, openly admitted to the spectators that the men they selected are incompetent. How else could one judge the actions of these commissioners who acted like two amateurs?

It would have been far better for the sport and the commission had they gone into a huddle at a special session and taken up the matter in a judicial manner as befits their position. It developed after the fight that Frank Rhode, the commission chairman, was not in attendance when the night's officials were selected and that

Marcel Cerdan, European middleweight champion, who is due here this fall for an American campaign.

Rizzo, the acting head, made the three choices. He therefore should have been the last one to criticize those who gave Savold the decision.

Good or bad, no commission has the right to interfere with an official decision once that decision is made. If it feels that the men who rendered the verdict are incompetent, then there is an easy out—remove them from the list of judges and referees.

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JACK SINGER, Buffalo promoter, staged a "benefit" boxing show for the widow and children of the late Dave Mason, Cleveland Negro heavyweight, who died after being knocked out by Joe Matisi, and the only ones who got any money were the fighters. Though the affair was highlighted by the appearance of Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, who made a special trip to aid the publicity, when the final count was made, the promoter announced a deficit of $181.29.

Singer listed expenditures totaling $8,477.29 and receipts of $8,296. He explained that $6,351.24 went to the fighters, officials, for tickets and ticket sellers; that advertising and ticket tax cost him $1,366.05; that the committee sponsoring the benefit spent $410 and that he had paid $350 for the Municipal Auditorium. Such an outlay, considering the nature of the event, is an outrage on boxing.

A few years ago, when William Muldoon and James A. Farley were members of the Boxing Board, they refused to sanction any benefits unless the promoter guaranteed twenty-five percent of the gate as a minimum. The Mason committee, in its plea for help for the Mason Fund, said it hoped to raise sufficient funds to buy a home for the widow and to set aside a trust fund to send Mason's children to college, yet those in charge had the audacity to ask and receive $410 for their expenses. With them, charity begins at home.

The Boxing Commission owes it to the public to put its foot down on all future benefits unless all concerned are willing to give a portion of their purse to the fund. Furthermore, the Commission should ask all officials to serve without pay.

I wonder what Mrs. Mason and her youngsters think of the kind deeds of fighters, managers, promoter and officials in holding this benefit for themselves!

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THE defeat of Holman Williams by Marcel Cerdan in Paris was expected following Holman's loss to Bert Lytell recently. Williams, who at one time headed the list of middleweight contenders, has gone back considerably. Old age has caught up with Holman, otherwise Cerdan would have been his victim as have been many other stellar performers in this country. The fact that Cerdan couldn't do any better than gain the decision at the end of ten rounds, doesn't speak so highly of the ability of the Frenchman whose prowess has been sung to the skies by those who hope to see him fight in this country against the winner of the Zale-Graziano bout. Cerdan is a colorful battler, a fighter with a pleasing, slam-bang style, but he has been overrated considerably. He is a veteran who started his career back in 1936 after having fought for two years as an amateur and should be asked to take his chances against some of our outstanding middleweights before he is permitted to be billed for a world title fight. Jake LaMotta and Steve Belloise are more worthy of a shot at the title than is the foreigner, Cerdan.

A fight between LaMotta and the Zale-Graziano winner would be a natural. Jake has a tremendous following, is one of the nation's outstanding middleweights, and in fairness to this man who so frequently has packed 'em in at clubs in New York and other sections of the country, he, not Cerdan, should be considered for the next championship bout. If, however, Mike Jacobs is eager to bring the Frenchman to the States, then he should arrange a bout between Marcel and Jake, with the winner of that mill to be allotted the championship bout. By no stretch of imagination can one justify a title bout in this country for Cerdan at this stage because of his victory over the veteran Williams who has been fighting since 1932.

Only a few weeks before he beat Williams, Cerdan had a tough time gaining the decision in a title bout in Paris with Robert Charron. None of the men whom Marcel has defeated in recent years, is the equal of any of our top flight fighters.

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A REMINDER of the bare-knuckle and skin-tight gloves eras of boxing was handed out to the present day fight fans a few weeks ago when rain halted the contest between Freddie Archer and Jorge Morelia at the Meadowbrook Club of Newark. After two rounds had been completed, a heavy storm forced all hands to cover, whereupon the promoters, backed by the decision of Commissioner John Hall, ordered the abbreviated contest to be resumed the following night. When the men entered the ring for the second time, the gong sent them off for round three. Archer won in ten rounds.

In the old days, when the police interfered with the bouts, many contests in which a decision could not be reached prior to the interference, were resumed on a subsequent night. Sometimes the men didn't meet again until days after the first engagement but regardless of the time elapsed, they resumed where they had left off. This was the case in the Choynski-Corbett battle; the Johnny Regan vs. Nonpareil Jack Dempsey mill and many other famous contests.

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IN writing for home consumption, Harry Keck, Sports Editor of the Pittsburgh *Sun-Telegraph*, offers a new slant on the reason for Billy's poor showing. Says Harry:

"In the aftermath of stories about what could have happened to Billy Conn before his fight with Joe Louis to send him into the ring a worried challenger, lacking the poise and confidence that marked his long training grind, comes the revelation that both Louis and Conn and their managers had to settle with Uncle Sam in the matter of back taxes before the fight could go on. Payment was made the day before the fight.

"If it had not been, the Revenue Department would have tied up all of the receipts and there might have been a blockage of

the fight. Whether Mike Jacobs put up the money himself or it came from other sources, is not known, but it is known that neither Billy nor Joe had the ready cash before they received their checks. The liens against both fighters and managers have been marked 'satisfied' and their taxes now are current as of this year's earnings. The taxes were owed for 1941.

"Could this last minute development have been one of the factors that upset Conn before the fight along with the mix up that deprived him of the opportunity to engage in a final limbering up drill in the private gym of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and made it necessary for him to go to the New York Athletic Club?"

I can give the answer—neither. Anyone watching Conn in training, showing no partiality to either Billy or Joe, could have foreseen the result. I know I did. I picked Louis for a knockout in eight rounds, because I was satisfied that the champ was training for the kind of fight he had expected and was not the old man the scribes were describing. No matter how good Conn looked in training, he didn't figure to be Joe's equal either in morale or fighting qualities.

No, Harry, it wasn't the tax nor the gym episode—Billy just lost his nerve. That's the only answer. He realized what Joe had done to others who faced him for a second time. Funny, the tax didn't bother Joe any!

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FOLLOWING the recent bout between Billy Conn and Joe Louis I came across a clipping from England dated May 22, 1922, in which the bout between Georges Carpentier and Ted Kid Lewis was discussed and to my surprise I found that the top price for the show was 25 guineas. Looking up the rate of exchange of that day, I found this would bring the price of ringside seats up to $125.00 in American currency.

It was generally understood that the tops for any fight, was the century note charged for the Louis-Conn fiasco.

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WHAT surprises me most is the attitude of some scribes who for many weeks prior to the Louis-Conn fight could see Billy romping home over the "hollow shell" Joe Louis, the decrepit old man who could scarcely lift his hands in defense of himself against the sparring partners, yet immediately after the Yankee Stadium fiasco knocked the brains out of Conn for his poor showing with stories of "I told you so" variety. Conn to them was so perfect a physical specimen that they predicted Billy would make a monkey out of the world heavyweight king.

Did they actually believe it or were they helping the ballyhoo?

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OUR heartiest congratulations to Eddie Joseph for a perfect job as referee in the Conn-Louis affair. The officials selected by the boxing commission were well protected against any outside influence by being "locked up" in a hotel room throughout the afternoon. One of the officials who deserved a place on the show, either in the main event or in the semi-final, was Ruby Goldstein, regarded by me as one of America's outstanding referees. His splendid work in recent Garden fights had earned for him recognition in the "fight of the century," but he was shunted to the sidelines, because under War Department orders, he had flown with Joe Louis to Alaska to referee the service championships.

Rather strange that a man should be penalized for doing his duty as a soldier!

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THE sign is out. The fans either are revolting against the high cost of boxing or the boom days are coming to an end judging by the poor turnout at the Garden for the Allie Stolz-Bob Montgomery championship fight. In one of the best lightweight thrillers of recent years, Montgomery retained his claim to the world honors, the New York and Pennsylvania sponsored title holder scoring a knockout in the thirteenth round of a contest that had the fans on edge from start to finish. It so far outclassed the Louis-Conn fiasco, that it was a pity to have only 10,872 fans in attendance.

The post-war boom in boxing seems to have run out of gas of the highest octane rating. The boys are beginning to think twice before they dig into the reserves, if they have any left, for the price of a ducat at fifteen or more dollars. The receipts of $61,994 for the lightweight title mill speaks for itself. The Louis-Conn affair is another example. A year ago all a promoter had to do was to arrange a card and no matter the calibre of the headliners, the boys played to a full house. But things are rapidly changing and it behooves the promoters to be on their guard.

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MAJOR WOODY SWANCUTT who piloted the atom bomb plane at Bikini, is a former athlete of the University of Wisconsin where he rated high as a boxer. Major Swancutt carried a wallop that enabled him to go to the heights in intercollegiate fisticuffs. He was rated one of the best in the mid-west. He fought at a weight between 150 and 158 pounds and won the National Collegiate Athletic Association middleweight title in 1940 when the championship bouts were staged in Sacramento. During his three years as a college boxer he suffered only one defeat.

Perhaps Major Swancutt gets his perfect timing for bombing by the experience he gained as a fighter. He was an exceptionally hard hitter and had a fine sense of direction and keenness of eye in his college career. It was these qualities that undoubtedly enabled him to gain the prestige he did as a pilot.

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A FIGHT that ended like the famous Philadelphia Jack O'Brien vs. Stanley Ketchel affair, except for the presence of the sawdust box, was that between Odell Riley and Curtis Sheppard at Baltimore a few weeks ago. It was an ending such as fiction writers map out in their brain but which seldom is seen in active ring battles. Riley was well in front on points when the final gong sounded but was knocked flatter than a pancake in the last few seconds of the tenth and last round, yet emerged the victor over the Hatchetman.

Referee Eddie Leonard, one of the best in the profession in the South Atlantic district, could have counted fifty without Riley getting to his feet, but all he had to toll off was three when the fight ended. Confusion among the fight fans as to the victor seemed to have affected several reporters, for the Associated Press broadcast the report that Sheppard had been knocked out, whereas the third man in the ring awarded the verdict to Riley who had properly won the bout. Odell was hit with a crushing right and was through for the night, but Sheppard was robbed of the kayo victory by the clock.

It was an ending such as the average fight fan sees but "once in a lifetime."

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NEW JERSEY fared well in boxing revenue during the last fiscal year according to the report of John J. Hall, Boxing Commissioner. It was the richest year the Skeeter State has had since the Carpentier-Dempsey fight at Boyle's Thirty Acres back in 1921 when the gate reached $1,789,238. The twenty-one licensed clubs in New Jersey paid the state $103,818 in taxes and $12,000 in license fees which coupled with $380 netted from forty-two fines, brought the grand total up to $116,198.

Hall pointed out that New Jersey, a boxing stronghold, lacks proper facilities for staging shows of huge proportions and urged in his report to Governor Edge, that several large arenas should be built. The Trenton arena alone, meets the requirements. He said that the near record return is "suggestive of what figures might be established with larger arenas available."

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TWO new books on boxing have made their appearance during the past month—James R. Fair's "Give Him to the Angels," and "Come Out Fighting," by John Durant and Edward Rice. The former is a lusty, racy, exciting fight story depicting the career of Harry Greb, the Pittsburgh Windmill, and the latter is a pictorial history of boxing, highly *(Continued on page 34)*

Nine Warn Against

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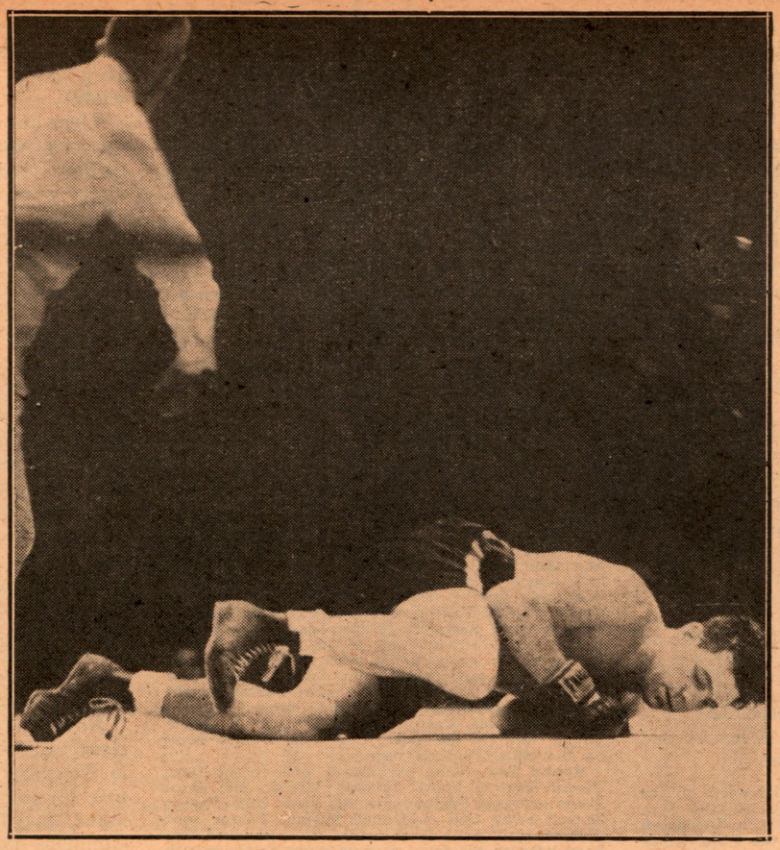
tussle was slated to last 20, but Pastor was belted out in the eleventh.

In the Garden, Pastor, guided by the wily, crafty late Jimmy Johnston, got on his bicycle and gave Joe a merry chase of it. Pastor knew he could not afford to present a target for even a fleeting moment, so he dashed around the ring. Bob made Louis look bad because Joe was forced to hit on the go.

However, in Detroit, Pastor just had to fight sometime. He could not afford to put up another 100 percent foot race. He had to stand at times and punch it out with the Bomber—and the inevitable came to pass. However, we will return to that scrap in Detroit and treat it in the greater detail which it deserves.



Bob Pastor is rocked to sleep in his second meeting with Louis at Detroit. The finish came in the eleventh from a hard right and left to the jaw.

Pretty much like the two fights with Pastor were Louis' pair of meetings with Arturo Godoy, of Chile.

The first of these took place in the Garden on February 9, 1940, and went 15 rounds to an obvious decision. Tommy Farr, Pastor and Godoy are the boys who were able to force Louis, as a champion, to go to the final bell for his victory.

Godoy, who still is fighting, has a strange style. He crouches and bounces, and while he can't hurt you, he is hard to catch and hit.

In his first contest with Joe, Arturo wouldn't stay in one place long enough for even a quick lens camera to catch him. His hunched-over stance also baffled Louis.

But as the fight rolled on, round after round, Joe's camera mind filed away the Chilean's idiosyncracies and quirks. And when they met a second time, Godoy went out in the eighth.

Number 7 on the list of double victims of the champion was big Abe Simon. He felt the Joe knockout both times. In Detroit, on March 21, 1941, Abe was disposed of in the thirteenth. In New York, a year later, Simon was belted out in the sixth round.

While Jolting Joe met Max Baer only once, he had two encounters with Maxie's big younger brother Buddy. Their first scrap, in Washington, was won by Joe in the seventh, when Buddy was disqualified because Ancil Hoffman refused to quit the ring after his charge had been belted down, and apparently out, the manager insisting that the blow had been delivered after the bell.

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BUT when Louis got Buddy into the Garden ring, there was no debate. The opening bell rang, and before the echoes of its clang had died away, they were carrying Baer to his corner, a first round victim, but a far more merciful job than Louis had done on Schmeling.

And finally, we come to the two Louis fights with Conn—June 18, 1941, at the Polo Grounds in New York, with Billy out in the thirteenth, and June 19, 1946, with Conn stowed away in the eighth.

We all know about the first fight. Conn apparently had the title in his grasp after the twelfth. The official score sheet on file in the offices of the New York Commission shows that if the bout had ended after the twelfth round, Conn would have gained the decision, and the title.

However, flushed with success, overstepping all bounds of safety and calculation with the championship his for the holding, Conn got cocky and Louis took care of him.

In spite of his seemingly close call in the first fight, Louis knew that if he ever met Billy again it would be apple pie a la mode.

Louis found that he had overtrained and gone stale in the 1941 situation and he made sure he did not duplicate the error for the June, 1946, shindig.

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SOME day we will return to the two Louis-Conn fights for a more detailed analysis, and a study of the rounds of the first scrap.

The writer was one of those at the ringside in 1941 who did not believe that Conn had the edge after 12 heats, and who felt that at that point Billy was a badly used up hombre who could not take that kind of handling very much longer—not at the weights, and not with Joe getting his second wind.

Louis' victory over Pastor in their second fight, in Detroit, marked Joe's eighth successful defense of the title in two years. His triumph over Conn some time ago was his twenty-second in defense of the championship he had won from Braddock.

For Louis, that appearance in his home city of Detroit was something more than just another battle. It was a jubilee. Not since his ten-rounder with Brown in 1935 had Joe appeared in Detroit, and not at all since his having taken the title had he put it on display in his home city, where once he had worked for Ford for five a day.

Louis and Pastor met in Briggs Stadium, the Detroit ball park, and drew 33,866 fans who paid $347,870. Not a terrific house or terrific gate, but more dough than Louis drew in New York with Tony Galento, Primo Carnera and Tommy Farr.

The referee of the Louis-Pastor No. 2 show was Sam Hennessey, and the judges were Harry Hall and Dad Butler. As it turned out, there wasn't much work for any of the three.

Louis was not at top form for that fight. A week previous he had suffered a cold and he still was a bit below par when he went into the ring.

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CONSIDERING that Pastor was belted down thrice in the first round, his ability to carry Joe into the eleventh was phenomenal.

Louis scored five knockdowns in all, and the fifth was the finale. Joe shot a left to the jaw, and that was that. Bob dropped in the center of the ring, and could not get up. The eleventh round lasted only 38 seconds.

After having gone to the canvas twice and to his knees once in the first round, Pastor hit the floor again in the second after he had stopped a man's size right.

However, while Pastor was shaken often in the next eight rounds he stayed on his feet.

Not only that, Pastor actually won the eighth, ninth and tenth rounds. Not that he ever had Louis in trouble, but Bob put up a surprisingly tenacious fight—and just as game a battle as had been expected of him. Pastor was no great fighter, but he was no quitter no matter how tough the going might become.

It looked like the finish in the fourth round, when Louis jabbed two hard ones and then shot a right cross that had Bob half seas over. But he weathered that gale as he was to weather quite a few other storms until the sudden finish in the eleventh.

Pastor was a 6 to 1 second choice that night. He should have been 20 to 1. The betting was negligible. At 183, Bob had to concede 17 pounds to the Bomber.

One of the sideshows connected with the fight took place at the local race track the afternoon of the contest. It was at the track, for some unaccountable reason, that the local commission held the weighing in.

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JULIAN BLACK, Jack Blackburn, and Larry Amadee were in the Louis corner, and Jimmy Johnston, Ned Johnston and Fred Brown were with Pastor when the bell clanged, and Bob started his second effort against the Negro socker.

Round One—Pastor landed a light left to the nose. Louis bounced a left hook off the jaw. The champion cracked a hard right to the cheek and then shot a straight left to the nose. Louis was moving slowly. Pastor landed a solid right on the cheek and Louis covered up as Bob came in fast with both hands flailing. Louis shook Pastor with a smashing right to the face and floored him with a right and another pair of rights floored him again. He was up after a short count and tried to hold on. Louis dropped him to one knee with a short right at the bell. Louis's round.

Round Two—Louis rushed out and stabbed with his left as Pastor backed away. A short right caught Bob on the cheek as he tried to hold. Louis cracked another right and straight left to the face as Pastor jabbed twice. Pastor skipped around the champion, staying out of reach. Bob dropped a short right to the mid section. Louis missed a left and landed a right on the ear. A smashing right shook Pastor to the heels and several straight lefts bloodied his nose. Pastor shot a straight left to Louis's nose. A vicious right dropped Pastor for a count of nine. Pastor's head snapped back from two hard lefts and he backed away at the bell. Louis's round.

Round Three—Louis sent two short lefts to Bob's nose. Pastor came back with a left to the eye. Bob sent a left to the chin. They exchanged lefts to the face as Pastor backed away. A short left caught Bob on the cheek. A left had Pastor hanging on. Pastor caught Louis flush on the chin with a long overhand right. A short right sent Pastor into the ropes. Another right, in close, snapped Bob's head back. Louis sent a short right to the face at the bell. Louis's round.

Round Four—Louis jabbed twice with his left and took a jab to his face in return. A right cross had Pastor wobbling once more. Pastor continued to back away. In close, Louis connected with a short right to the cheek. Louis sent a long left to the eye. Pastor connected with an overhand right to the cheek and a left to the jaw. Pastor landed a left under the ear as Louis continued to jab, waiting for an opening. Pastor sent a left that grazed the cheek and another that landed on the face as Louis continued to shuffle forward and jab. Pastor's round.

Round Five—Louis shot a left and right to the body as they went into a clinch. The Bomber sent two lefts to the face and a left to the body. Pastor landed light left to the face and hung on as Louis fired a left to the body. Pastor shot a left and right to the champion's chin. Pastor sent a short right under the heart and took a left to the face. The crowd roared as Louis missed five straight punches. Louis fired a smashing right and then a left to the head and Pastor was badly hurt. Louis's round.

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Round Six—Louis sent a light left to the body and a hard left to the cheek as Pastor backed away and boxed. A smashing right and left sent Pastor to the ropes and another right shook him to the heels. The champion again connected with a right to the jaw. Once more the champion's right landed and Bob was hurt. Bob fired left and right to the body and took a right to the head. Pastor shot a left to the body and another to the face. Louis bounced a short left hook off the jaw. The champion connected with his right to the head. Pastor's head flopped back from a left to the chin at the bell. Louis's round.

Round Seven—Louis connected with a left to the chin twice. A short right opened a slight cut under Pastor's eye. Two rights bounced off Pastor's mouth and more blood showed. Louis shot another pair of lefts to the mouth. Pastor landed a short right and then clinched. Louis sent a long left and then a right to the jaw which shot Pastor's head back. Pastor leaped in and landed lightly with a left and right to the head. A vicious right caused Bob's knees to buckle, but he came back with left and right to the face. Louis's round.

Round Eight—Louis again jabbed lightly with his left and Pastor backed away. Pastor sent a short left to the jaw. They exchanged light lefts to the chin and Louis sent a long right to the jaw and a left to the body. In close, Joe connected with a left uppercut. Pastor landed two rights on the chin and the champion cuddled up against the ropes. Pastor sent a light left to the body. Louis fired a straight left to the chin and then took left and right to the head at the bell. Pastor's round.

Round Nine — They exchanged a series of straight lefts. Pastor sent a left to the face and took a right and left to the head. Pastor connected with a straight left to the jaw. Louis fired a left to the nose. Louis missed with his right and Pastor put three light lefts to the jaw as Louis countered with two lefts. Pastor's right grazed Louis's chin, then Louis landed a hard left to the face. Pastor jabbed three times. Louis put a left to the nose and took a left hook on the chin. Pastor's round.

Round Ten—They exchanged lefts to the face. Pastor sent a short, choppy left to the chin. Louis speared Pastor with his long left. Pastor backed away and continued to jab. Pastor sent a short right hook to the chin, then received two hard lefts on the face. A short right to the mouth hurt Bob. Louis sent two short lefts to the face and took a long left under the eye. Both stabbed with lefts and Pastor backed away. A short right opened the cut under Pastor's left eye. A long left raised a slight mouse under Louis's left eye at the bell. Pastor's round.

Round Eleven—Again they boxed, throwing light lefts. Then Louis dropped Pastor with a smashing left hand in mid-ring and Pastor was unable to get off his knees as the referee counted ten, giving Louis a victory in 38 seconds of the round.

Stolz Is Game in Defeat

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famous Eighth Avenue arena.

Bob rushed in for the kill. He realized that he had his man at his mercy now, judging by the tired look on Allie's face and the manner in which he held his hands, but Stolz was still unwilling to give in. He fought back as best he could and lasted out the session. Three times in that round he pulled his chin out of the way of powerful rights by a fraction of an inch and the fans applauded. He saved himself from a kayo in that frame by his clever boxing tactics, the kind of scientific boxing which the fans were accustomed to see when Tommy Loughran and Jimmy Slattery were in their prime.

Then came the twelfth. Allie decided to continue his boxing and he let go a number of well placed jabs. He was piling up points and had the round all by himself until suddenly, a long right dropped him to his knees and took the fight out of him. He dropped as if he were hit by a pile driver, and the fans now realized that he couldn't stand the strain much longer. He took eight this time before he could regain his equilibrium and as he got to his feet the bell rang.

There was no escape in the fatal thirteenth. Stolz, by now a weakened boy, was obviously licked. Montgomery came tearing in. He took four jabs to the face before he landed one but that one was most effective. He ripped it into the body and Stolz winced.

Then he continued to follow Allie about the ring while Stolz was trying to avoid further punishment by boxing and sidestepping until he finally caught up with the challenger and landed a terrific right hand to the jaw that snapped back Stolz's head. He quickly followed with the right that ended the bout.

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EVEN in defeat, the evening belonged to stout-hearted Allie rather than to Montgomery, for it was Stolz's fighting courage more so than the power behind Bob's punches that floored the challenger six times, that furnished the thrills. Allie will never come any closer to winning the title, though only a New York and Pennsylvania recognized championship, than he did against Montgomery. He may not possess the punch that spells defeat for an opponent, but he has a ticker that beats stoutly and doesn't desert him in time of emergency. He has all the assets of a champion except that he lacks the sock soporific with which to put a fight on ice.

Now that Montgomery has proved his class against one of the best lightweights in America, it behooves Bob and his mentors to accept the challenge of Ike Williams, the N.B.A. title holder, and thus eliminate the dual championship in the lightweight division. Ike in his recent fights has proved his right to a title match with the New York champion, and since both title claimants are good, heavy hitters, such a contest should be a lucrative one for fighters and promoters.

The New York Commission should do all in its power to bring about this contest to settle the matter of world supremacy. In my book, neither Bob nor Ike are world champions. But they are the outstanding contenders. Williams is as much entitled to lay claim to the world crown as is Montgomery, and the only way to get a clear road, is for them to get together and fight it out in what would be a real world championship bout. THE RING will offer a belt for such a contest. Let's have it, boys.

CLEVELAND BOXING NEWS

By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

IN one of the biggest upsets in recent years in Cleveland, Lee Q. Murray, 203½, South Norwalk, Conn., outpointed Jimmy Bivins, 190, Cleveland, in a 10-round bout. Murray took Bivins' Sunday punch without flinching and proceeded to give him a decisive whipping both in close and at long range.

In the writer's opinion, each fighter won four rounds and two were even. However, the rounds that Bivins captured were by mere shades, and those that belonged to Murray were by large margins. Murray also landed the harder punches and stunned Bivins on two occasions.

In the semi-finals Steve Belloise, 159, New York, knocked out Billy Carrigan, 161, Baltimore, in the first heat.

Buddy Garcia, 134, Galveston, Texas, knocked out Leo Garrett, 138, Cleveland, in the first. After about two minutes of even fighting Garrett went down from a beautiful left hook to the jaw. Upon arising he ran into a series of punches climaxed by a perfect right cross to the chin, which sent him to the floor.

Georgie Toy, 147, Cleveland, knocked out Len Nelson, 146, Detroit, in the third. Toy was too good at long range, although Nelson never stopped trying and had a shade at infighting.

LeRoy Koeth, 136, knocked out Partee Burke, 134, in the first. Both boys making their pro-debut, tried hard from the opening gong. Koeth was the harder puncher and the more aggressive. A perfect right cross to the point of the chin knocked Burke completely out.

IN FISTIC SPOTLIGHT

Pedro Hernandez, Puerto Rican featherweight, back in action after a long layoff.

Chuck Taylor, Coalport, Pa., welterweight, who has established himself as a top man in his appearances in New York.

TOMMY GOMEZ

THE Florida Chamber of Commerce, which is always boasting about the natural wonders of its home state, now has something new to rave about—the greatest heavyweight to emerge from the deep South since Young Stribling was in his prime, handsome, Spanish-American Tommy Gomez.

Last April 16, in Tampa, Gomez electrified the boxing world when he ripped into Freddie Schott, top-ranking Paterson, N. J., youngster, and pounded Freddie into a pulp in two minutes and fifty seconds of the first round to hand Schott his first kayo defeat in 46 starts. A strongly partisan home town crowd of 7,000 packed Phillips Field and paid $17,664 to watch the former Army sergeant score the most sensational kayo of his career.

It was not the fact that Schott was defeated, a rarity in itself, for only Joe Baksi and Nathan Mann had previously turned the trick, but the manner in which Tommy blasted Schott into submission is what had the home town fans jabbering, "Bring on Joe Louis!"

Gomez stalked his man for fully two minutes of the round before he cut loose to send Schott down for seven and then finish him with thunderous lefts and rights to the jaw.

Tommy Gomez is a native of Tampa, Florida, and is a great pal of Al Lopez, the Pittsburgh Pirates' catcher, who resides in Ybor City. Gomez was a $4 a week bellhop whom many major league ball players now recall as an affable, grinning kid with plenty of hustle. Six years ago, Tommy, then a middleweight, kayoed Jackie Wallace in two heats and received but $5 for his efforts. Boxing was at a low ebb in Florida then and the meager gates rarely were above $500 or $600. After the Wallace fight, Gomez quickly put the snore on seven more foes and began to become a drawing card.

When he finally gained national prominence by defeating former world's middleweight champion Teddy Yarosz, gross gates of $7000 or more with Gomez as the top attraction were generally the rule rather than the exception.

In a total of 52 bouts, Tommy boasts the amazing number of 37 kayoes! He has been defeated but three times and knocked out only once, by Buddy Scott. Before going to war, Gomez knocked out good scrappers like the late Tommy Tucker, Tony Musto and Buddy Knox.

Gomez was a member of the 116th Field Artillery Division and the story of how this game youngster was so severely wounded in the Battle of the Bulge has been told in THE RING and every newspaper in the country.

Looking back upon some of the clippings from the Florida newspapers on the day word was received that Gomez was wounded, makes one glow to think of the determination and raw courage that enabled

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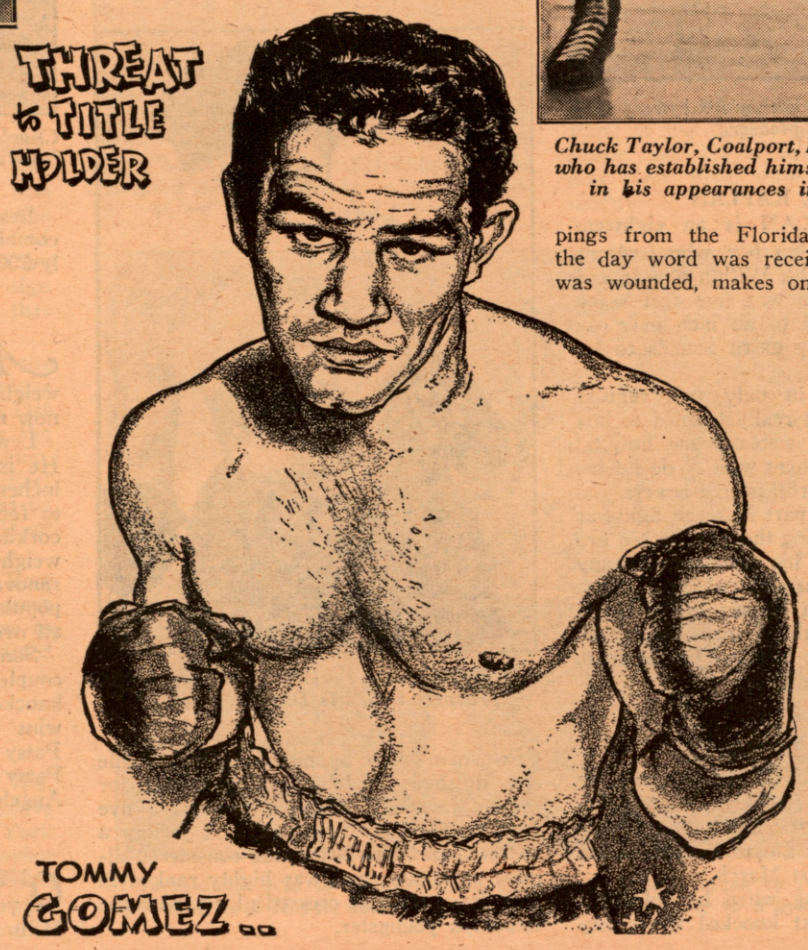
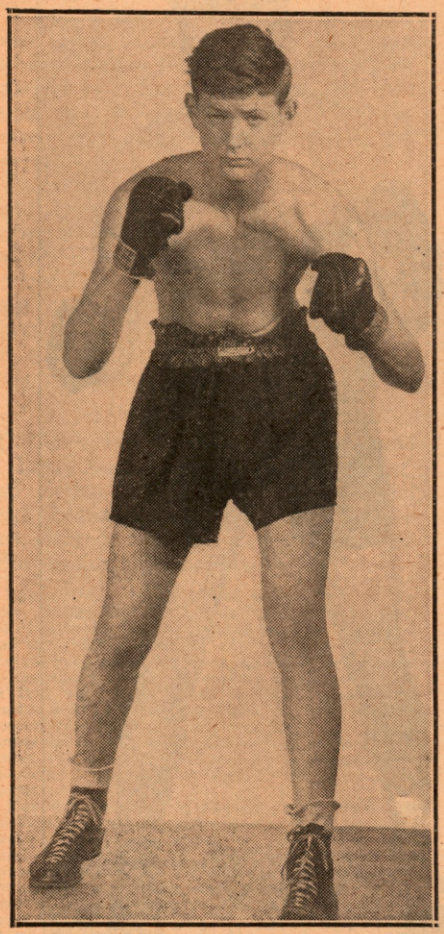


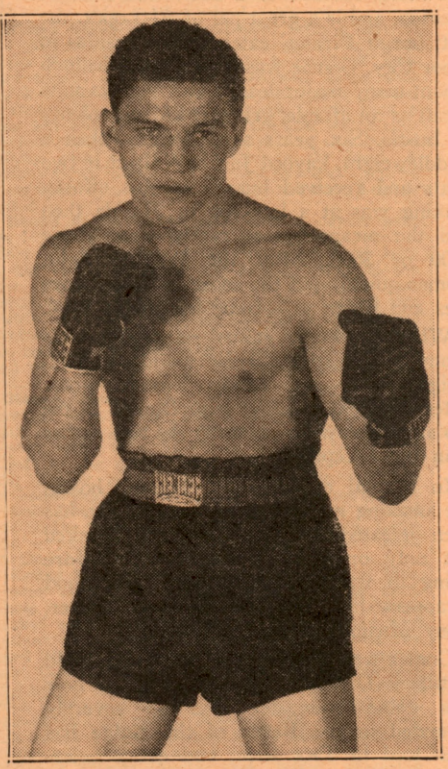
The Tampa Tornado, a famed war hero, really punched his way back into the limelight when he blasted Freddie Schott out of the heavyweight picture in less than a heat recently. It was the first kayo in Freddie's career.

THE CROWD-PLEASERS

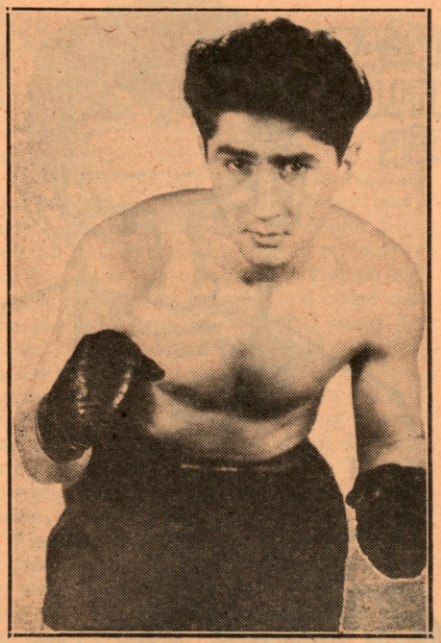
By EDDIE MERRILL



Georgie Kaplan, Brooklyn heavyweight, a crowd-pleaser.



Artie Levine, former Marine who possesses a hard wallop and recently stopped Jimmy Doyle.



Leo Milito, New York youngster, a bright prospect in Chris Dundee's stable.

Charley Cabey Lewis, one of the fighting family, who has boxed in major arenas throughout the East.

GEORGE KAPLAN

GEORGE KAPLAN is an eighteen-year-old Brooklyn boy who took up boxing to gain weight. Within a year and a half, Kaplan, who was five feet seven inches tall, sprouted to an inch over six feet and added forty extra pounds to his 140-pound frame.

George engaged in only two regular amateur contests but really learned to box at numerous charity smokers and hospital tours, donning the gloves with Artie Levine and other topflight professional boxers.

Kaplan has taken part in seven fights as a heavyweight, winning them all. In ten pro starts, according to his manager, Sammy Aaronson, George has suffered three losses.

As a middleweight he lost to the tough Freddy Lott, now fighting main events. He also dropped a close bout to Jim Holden, Brooklyn 175-pounder.

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ARTIE LEVINE

ARTIE LEVINE, handsome ex-Marine from Brooklyn, punched his way right into the fistic limelight when he knocked out Jimmy Doyle in sensational style in Cleveland last March.

Levine was trailing when he unleashed a terrific wallop that knocked the classy Californian's head against a ringpost buckle and finished Doyle's fighting career for several months. Although Artie is a five foot ten inch middleweight, and Jimmy a welterweight, the latter was considered almost unbeatable and was highly ranked in THE RING until he crossed gloves with the Brooklyn youngster.

Levine is managed by the Aaronson-Dio combine, a team that controls approximately 200 boxers throughout the country.

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CHARLEY CABEY LEWIS

A GOOD journeyman club fighter is Charley (Cabey) Lewis, a lightweight boxer originally from Cuba, but who now makes his home in Brooklyn.

Lewis is one of nine fighting brothers. He is 23 years old, stands five feet five inches tall, and has been campaigning close to four years. Charley has turned in some corking battles against World's Featherweight Champion Willie Pep, Phil Terranova, Jackie Graves, and is extremely popular with fans in principal boxing cities all over the country.

Some of Lewis' better victories include a couple of kayoes over Larry Bolvin, a knockout over Lefty LaChance, and good wins from Little Giant, Al Gomez and Patsy Brandino. In starts Lewis trounced Patsy Giovanelli, won and lost to Joey Angelo and kayoed Juste Fontaine.

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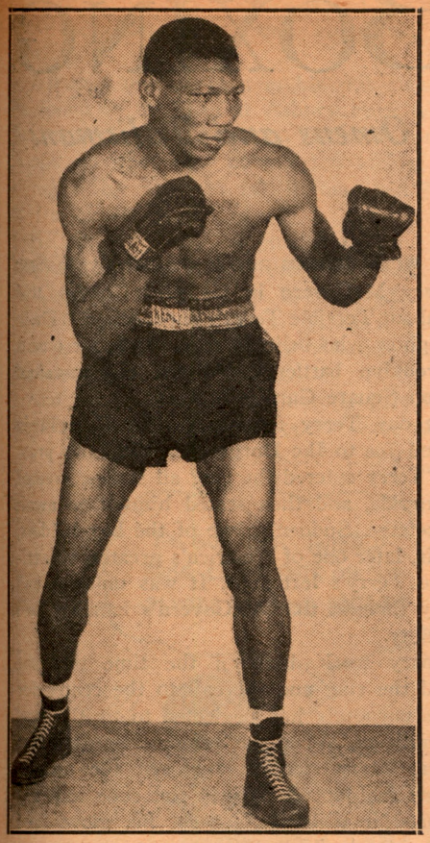
LEO MILITO

ONE of the few undefeated lightweight youngsters in boxing today is Leo Milito, East Side Italian, who has racked



Panama Al Brown who has returned to his native soil and is a good card in the Central America area.

up a string of twenty-two victories with his perpetual style of milling.

Milito, youngest of five children, actually got his start in the famed East Side youth center, the Jacob Riis Settlement House. Leo began boxing in junior amateur tourneys at the age of fourteen, taking part in seventy settlement house bouts.

When he was only fifteen, a neighbor took Milito to the gym where Sammy Angott was training for a lightweight title defense and the East Side stripling put the gloves on with Angott. After a couple of brisk rounds, Angott was so amazed by Leo's natural skill, that he wanted to sign him to a contract, despite the fact that Milito still attended school.

A serious operation put Milito on the sidelines after he had engaged in five regular amateur contests without a loss, but last year he turned pro, hooking up with the canny Chris Dundee. Leo lists Al Pennino, Oscar Lewis, Nick Primiani, and Earl Mintz among some of the better boxers he has defeated. He was nineteen years old on March 16.

Like many a predecessor from the East Side, Milito's greatest ambition at present is to move his family out of the slums to a nice home in the suburbs. Leo is trained by Chickie Ferrara.

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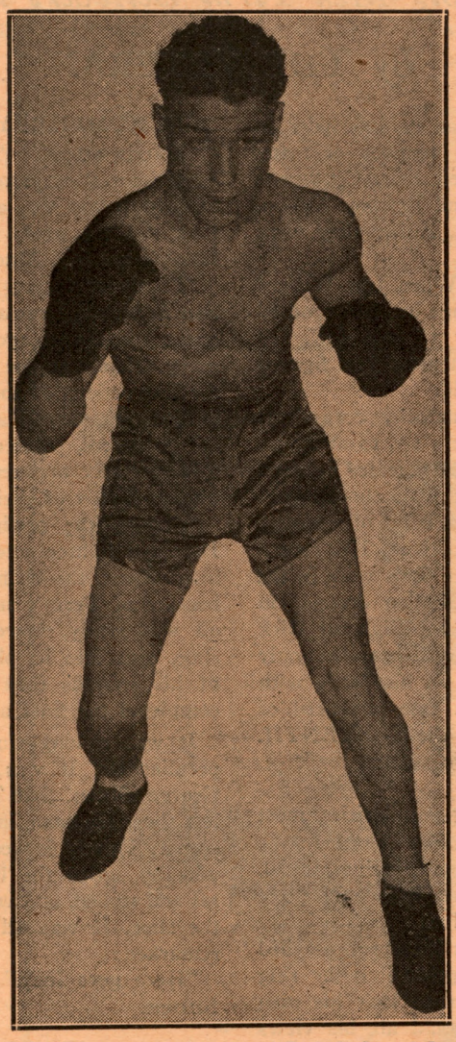
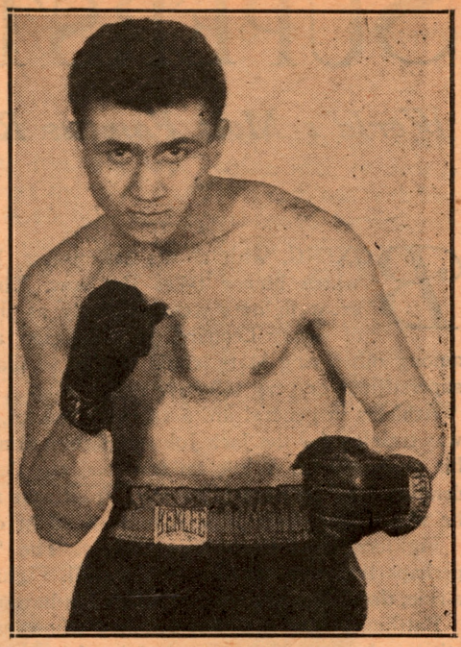
BABY AL BROWN

BABY AL BROWN, Jamaica, B.W.I. lightweight, has returned to his native land after seven appearances in New York rings. Brown was well liked by boxing fans in the United States because of his aggressiveness and his willingness to fight anybody regardless of weight or reputation.

Besides boxing in New York, Brown has also appeared throughout New England where he compiled a good record by boxing



Billy Thompson, former A.B.A. lightweight champion of England, now a good professional prospect at 135 pounds.



George Small, young Brooklyn middleweight, rated a good prospect.

Freddie Archer, Charlie Fusari, Pat Scanlon and Tommy Rotolo.

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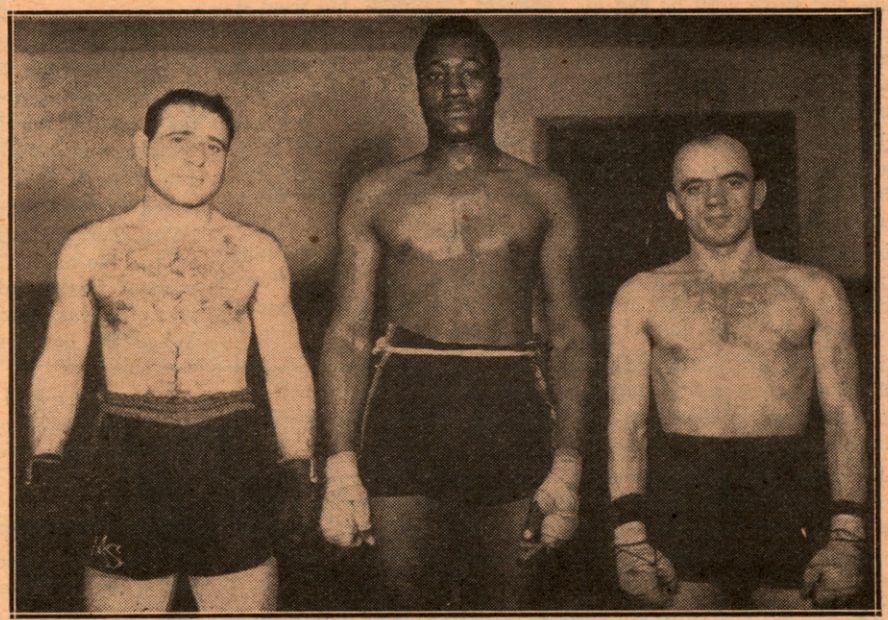
CANADIAN PROSPECTS

MAXIE SPOON, Arnold Hayes, and Larry Sloan, the trio of fighters pictured below, are newcomers to New York rings, brought here by personable Sam Gibbs, fight manager from Montreal.

Of the three, only Sloan has made his Gotham debut thus far. At Brooklyn's Broadway Arena, Larry impressed favorably as he turned back experienced Billy Pinti in the latter's first comeback start. Spoon and Hayes are expected to display their fistic wares in the Big City shortly.



A formidable trio of battlers from Canada who have come to New York. Maxie Spoon, Arnold Hayes, and Larry Sloan are pictured prior to a gymnasium workout.

SUPERSTITION *in* BOXING

World's Most Famous Ring Men Firm Believers in Omens and Talismans

By THE VETERAN

BOXING, with all its seriousness, has its interludes in which humor takes the bow. The tongues of many great fighters were as lively as their fists. Opponents of Benny Leonard, Jack Johnson, and Battling Nelson, among other ring stars, could testify to that. Either they were superstitious or very talkative in the ring.

Athletes in general are a superstitious lot. When Jess Willard was training for the Jack Johnson fight a strange incident aroused his superstitions. While on the road one day a black duck fell dead at Jess' feet from the sky. From that moment Jess figured he was sure to beat Jack Johnson—and he did.

Fighters have many superstitions. The "unlucky corner" is perhaps the most familiar of them all. Fighters try to avoid, as a rule, that angle of the arena which has harbored defeated fighters.

Battling Nelson was one scrapper who cared little about superstitions. In fact, Nelson once claimed he had a habit of selecting the odd rounds and then putting his best into them. His record seems to bear this out. His two knockouts over Gans were in the seventeenth and twenty-first rounds. Eddie Hanlon dropped in the nineteenth, Young Corbett in the ninth and Fighting Dick Hyland in the twenty-third. A strange coincidence—the only time Bat Nelson was ever knocked out was in his battle with Owen Moran. Perhaps the odd elements in fate got tired of being kind to Bat. Moran knocked Bat out in the ELEVENTH.

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THERE usually is a good reason for ring peculiarities, most often superstition being the cause. Stanley Ketchel was superstitious. He wouldn't enter the ring without wearing his old, worn-out cap. And once in the roped square, he would place the cap on top of the ring post—an omen of luck.

Ad Wolgast was a fighter who liked to get his opponent riled before the bout got under way. He would spring into the ring across the ropes, rush to the opposite corner to look his man over and then, with chest thrown out, he would air his views in a manner that breathed a superiority complex air. And throughout the fight, he would continue to talk to his opponent.

Tommy Burns not only wisecracked in the ring but would fume and curse until he had his opponent in a rage. He tried it on Jack Johnson, but the scheme didn't work. Johnson, than whom there was no better wisecracker in ring history, just smiled his golden smile, edged in close to his rival, and then would let him in on a few secrets that soon had Burns hushed.

Johnson was oblivious to his surroundings. No amount of vocal barrage, boos or hisses ever got under his skin. On the other hand, he always made it quite uncomfortable for those who kidded him.

Among the old-timers, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien could talk a good fight. He was a cagy fellow, and so was Kid McCoy. They could either rattle an opponent, or make him lose ground in a battle by their line of lingo.

Dempsey, of recent fighters, and Tunney, Braddock and Schmeling, were serious-minded fellows in the ring, but Baer, the loquacious gladiator, was a reminder of the old school of talkative fighters.

Dempsey was a ring warrior who was so nervous that he twitched and tossed, moved his feet to and fro in the resin, worked his hands over the upper strand of the ring and could scarcely await the call to battle. He was pulling at the leash every moment he waited for the bell.

Tunney never batted an eyelash. He was cool, collected, a study in perfect composure. No fighter in recent years, with the exception of Loughran, approached Tunney's ring demeanor.

JOE HUMPHREYS, world famous announcer, who with Sam Harris attended Terry McGovern in his great battles, told many interesting yarns about Terrible Terry's superstition. "There probably never was a fighter who believed more in lucky omens than did the great Brooklyn battler," said the clarion-voiced Humphreys in a Madison Square Garden fanfest.

"I'll never forget the day Terry fought Aurelia Herrera in San Francisco," remarked Joe to Ike Dorgan, the Garden's press agent, some years ago. "Terry entered the ring all smiles, greeted many friends at the ringside, and then seated himself to await the instructions of the referee. Suddenly, one of the box holders, motioning to Sam Harris, later one of America's greatest theatrical producers, pointed to Terry's left shoe. It was unlaced, and this spectator apparently thought that McGovern's handlers had neglected part of their duty.

"During the preliminary work, between the time that the Brooklyn fighter entered the ring and the call to the center for instructions, the trainers purposely had neglected to tie the lace, because of Terry's superstition. When the referee motioned that all was ready, however, Terry stooped, removed the unlaced shoe, spat into it, placed his foot back into the shoe and one of his seconds then laced it while I fastened his gloves and completed the final arrangements."

It was a long time before Sam Harris got on to Terry's peculiarities. It was at the Broadway Club, when he fought George Dixon, that Terry first pulled the stunt of unlacing his left shoe. He came into the ring, unlaced the shoe and sat in his corner. Harris looked at him in amazement, then asked Terry why he untied the lace. Terry never uttered a word. He just sat and smiled, and when the bout was about to start, he removed the shoe. It was all done in about a minute, and then Terry remarked:

"Here goes luck." He firmly believed that this brought him fortune.

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STILL another peculiarity of McGovern was his "Lucky Kiss." He believed that unless he received a good luck hug from his wife before every important battle, he would lose.

"On the night of his match with Oscar Gardner, while on the way to the club, it occurred to Terry that he had forgotten to kiss his wife. He had barely enough time to get ready and insisted that he must return to his wife, who was waiting for the news of the fray at a neighboring hotel. 'I feel nervous tonight, Sam,' said McGovern to Manager Harris, 'and I think I'm going to lose.'

"Harris was surprised over this unexpected remark and asked: 'Why, Terry?' 'Because,' answered the little champion, 'I forgot to kiss the missus. I guess I'll have enough time to do so.' And without further ado Terry left the clubhouse and went to his wife. He was back in a jiffy and was apparently much relieved. When the battle was over, McGovern walked over to Harris and said:

"'Sam, I'm glad I went back to the hotel. I was punished for my forgetfulness by being knocked down in the first round and it would have served me right had I been knocked out.'"

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JIM JEFFRIES, when on tour with Tom Sharkey in a vaudeville sketch, told the audience that a twisted lace in his gloves was a sign of ill-luck. "I never permitted the laces to be twisted, and when they were, I insisted that my handlers remove the glove and start all over again. I was very superstitious about twisted laces. I also insisted on having a certain seat at the

training table, and would not permit any change to be made after once the arrangements were completed. A change indicated a bad sign."

Jeff told another yarn in his skit about a dirty penny which he found on the road at Asbury Park while in training for his bout with Bob Fitzsimmons. Jeff and Tommy Ryan were taking a run and when they halted, Jeff kicked a penny from in front of him. The cent was full of mud and Jeff was loath to touch it, fearing bad luck.

He asked Tommy to pick it up, but Ryan also was superstitious and refused. Jeff then remarked:

"Tommy, I'll pick it up. If it's heads up, I'll surely beat Fitz. If it's tails, I'm a sure goner." Heads it was and Jeff was as happy as a lark that day. History informs the world that Jeff won the battle with Ruby Robert.

And so it goes. Superstition is part of human nature. The world's most famous scrappers have used rabbits' feet, the scapular, praying beads, lucky stones, the lucky handshake, the wife or sweetheart's handkerchief, and many other talismans to bring them luck in the ring.

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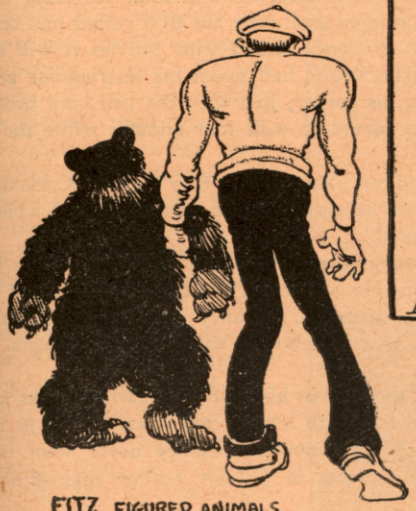
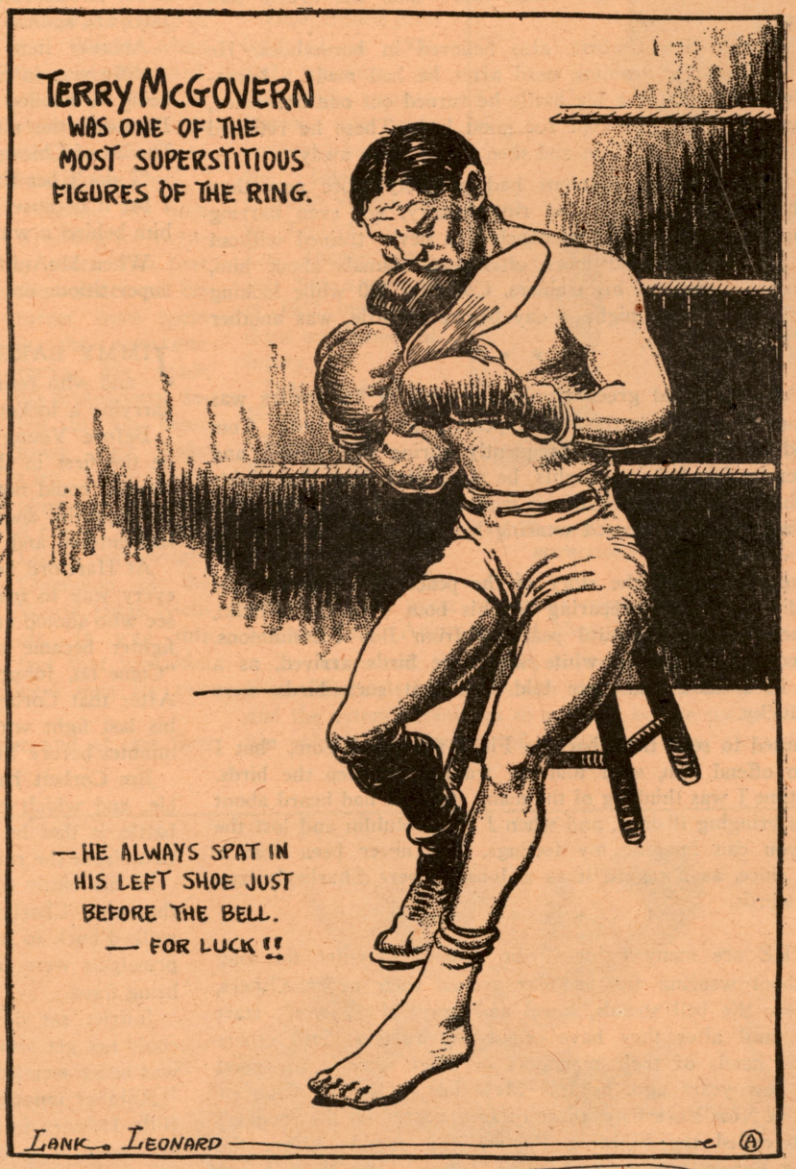
JIM CORBETT kept his trainers busy on the day of a fight playing cards with him. Jim kept playing until he won a certain number of games and then he felt that luck was with him for the evening's battle. He believed that a horseshoe carried luck with it, and never had one missing from the door of his training quarters. He kept several stray dogs about him and had what he termed lucky coins in his room.

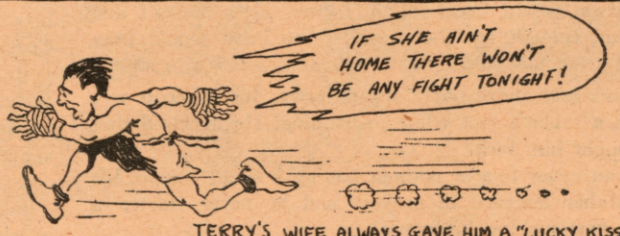
Corbett regarded the meeting of a cross-eyed person as an ill-omen. He had some dislike for white horses and when on the road, he tried his utmost to avoid them. He would not fight on Friday the 13th and always hummed a tune while swinging the Indian clubs in training.

JEFF, USUALLY GOOD NATURED, FLEW INTO A RAGE IF ANY OF HIS SPARRING PARTNERS TWISTED THE LACES IN HIS GLOVES — SOMEONE TOLD HIM IT BROUGHT ILL LUCK.



FITZ FIGURED ANIMALS BROUND A CAMP WERE LUCKY — HE USUALLY HAD A SMALL MENAGERIE WITH HIM WHEN TRAINING.





TERRY'S WIFE ALWAYS GAVE HIM A "LUCKY KISS" BEFORE EACH FIGHT — HE WAS ALMOST IN THE RING ONE NIGHT BEFORE HE REALIZED HE'D FORGOTTEN IT!!

Bob Fitzsimmons, several years after his defeat at the hands of Jeffries at Coney Island in eleven rounds, appeared on the vaudeville stage and during the course of the evening, he told a little story about superstition. Said Ruby Robert:

"I've often heard people ridicule others who have told of a dream that affected their career. I'm one of those who is a strong believer in dreams. I believe in dreams as I do in the Gospel and my reason for this feeling is because almost every dream I've ever had has come true. For example, the night before my fight with Jim Jeffries, I dreamt that I had engaged in a battle, a very tough one, and that I was knocked out. When I arose in the morning, I told my wife about the dream. I said to her:

"'Rose, I'm afraid it's all over. I'm going to lose the championship.

"'The fight was so vividly portrayed that you cannot make me believe that it isn't so!' And so it was. I lost the title to Jeffries in the eleventh round, one round more than the dream had portrayed."

Fitzsimmons, like Corbett, also believed in horseshoes. He would not strip for training until after he had made a horseshoe. Every day before a big battle he turned out one horseshoe, and every thirteenth he kept for good luck. These he retained until two days before a bout and then threw them away.

As for animals, Fitzsimmons had probably more pets than any other fighter in American ring history, not even barring Jack Dempsey and Paul Berlenbach. He never trained without having at least one and more often two animals about him, much to the dismay of his trainers. Counting 100 while looking at the sky on a clear night, a day before a battle, was another of Fitz's superstitions.

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WEARING faded green trunks for each of his battles was Tom Sharkey's method of appealing to Lady Luck. Tom appeared on the stage quite frequently during his heyday, and whenever he faced the spotlights, he wore neat, long blue tights which showed every muscle of his well-developed body, but when in the ring, he never missed wearing his home-knit, faded green trunks.

Sharkey often told the story of the peacocks which brought him bad luck. While preparing for his bout with Gus Ruhlin, Tom received two beautiful peacocks from Bob Fitzsimmons. Tom declares he turned white when the birds arrived, as a woman in Ireland had once told him that such birds were very unlucky.

"I wanted to send them back to Fitz," remarked Tom, "but I hated to offend him, so I told my trainers to keep the birds. All the time I was thinking of the many stories I had heard about peacocks bringing ill-luck, and when I faced Ruhlin and lost the battle, you can imagine my feelings. I've never been near a peacock since, as I regard it as a Jonah," were Sharkey's concluding words.

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THERE are many fighters who refused to enter the ring without wearing the scapular around their necks. Others, just before the bell sounds, kneel and pray. Many won't start to fight until after they have crossed themselves. Still others shake the hands of their managers or chief seconds for good luck. A few years ago, in Jess McMahon's Olympic Club of Harlem, in New York City, there often appeared on the program a Negro called the Fighting Parson. One minute before the fight, the Parson would kneel in his corner, bless himself and in a voice loud enough for the ringsiders to hear, would pray that the Lord grant him sufficient strength to defeat his opponent.

Negroes have been particularly superstitious. Joe Wolcott was never without a rabbit's foot while in training. He declared that it always brought him luck.

Tommy Ryan never fought without having a small coin in his belt. Peter Maher believed in prayers and he never started a fight without first making his appeal.

Tiger Flowers never failed to say a prayer both before and after a fight.

WHEN John L. Sullivan lost his title to Corbett and met with the only defeat ever recorded against him, there was enough to lead the superstitious that night to bet on Corbett. Several took the "hunch" and placed small bets on the California boy, after watching the occurrences that took place.

First, the officials placed two big arm chairs in the corners. When Sullivan looked at his and tried it, he could not sit in it. Then the arms were cut off.

When the chair was brought back into the ring it was set in Corbett's corner (the lucky one), in which Jack McAuliffe and Dixon had scored their wins over Meyers and Skelly in the same tournament.

When Brady saw this he ordered the chair removed to the opposite corner. No sooner was the chair set down than the light immediately above Sullivan's corner went out and try as the club officials would they could not light it again.

When "One-Eyed" Jimmy Connelly noticed it he shouted, "Get a bet on Corbett; it's a cinch now the big fellow is beat. The fates are against him." This proved to be the case.

Another item the superstitious noticed was that Jack McAuliffe was in Sullivan's corner. Now McAuliffe was noted for being a hoodoo of the first water. When he stepped behind Dempsey the night that great fighter met Fitzsimmons, Vere Davies of Chicago turned around and bet $100 on the Australian.

"I don't bet this because I figure that Dempsey will be beat. I bet it because McAuliffe is in Jack's corner, and I never saw him behind a winner in my life," said Davies.

When McAuliffe went behind Sullivan that night, that gave the superstitious ones a good reason for betting against "John L.".

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JIMMY BARRY, once bantamweight champion of the world, and who retired without a defeat, always went into the ring carrying a locket with his mother's picture sewed in his belt.

Before Young Corbett fought at Hartford he would never be the first in the ring. Try as they would his managers and seconds could not get him in first. He would send out and peek through the door of his dressing room to see if his opponent had entered and then he would quickly follow.

At Hartford he refused to enter before McGovern. They tried every way to make him, and even wanted to toss up a coin to see who should crawl between the ropes first. Finally the Denver fighter became angry, and, turning to Johnny Corbett, said: "Come on, John; what's the difference? I'll beat him anyhow." After that Corbett was always the first to get into the ring. In his last fight with McGovern he sat in his corner over twenty minutes before Terry and Sam Harris came along.

Jim Corbett had several superstitions. One of the most notable, and which can be recalled by anyone who ever saw him battle, is that he never took his seat after receiving the instructions from the referee until after the first round had been fought.

In his battle at Coney Island with Jeffries it will be recalled that after Charlie White had given his instructions and Corbett walked back to his corner, just then the bell cord broke and the principals were forced to wait four minutes while the same was being fixed.

Jeffries sat down, but try as they would, Corbett's seconds could not get him to sit back in his chair and rest while the cord was being mended.

Another unlucky idea that Corbett had was that he must have Billy Delaney in his corner. At the time Jim was just coming to the front as a champion, Delaney was noted in 'Frisco as a hoodoo. He never was behind a winner until he began to handle Corbett.

But Jim got the idea in his head that Delaney was his mascot, and always had him with him in every battle, until he met defeat at the hands of Fitzsimmons. Delaney never went behind Jim again, although he was in Jeffries' corner against him on two occasions.

Jack McAuliffe would fly into an immediate rage whenever one of his seconds threw a towel over the ropes in his corner. Jimmy Nelson tried this once, and Jack reached around and hit him, he was so angry.

NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"

Bibber McCoy, who has returned to the wars after a long stretch of military service.

A FAMOUS name in the mat sport has reappeared on the sports pages of the nation. Dean Detton, a holdover from the golden age of wrestling, is at it again. Detton held the Heavyweight Wrestling Championship of the World when there was glory and color in the division and competition for the prized bauble was keen.

Detton has been wrestling for twenty years. The first four years of his career were spent in the amateur ranks. He made his professional debut in his home town, Salt Lake City, Utah, grappling to a two hour draw with the Light-heavyweight Champion of the World, Hugh Nichols. It was this feat that won him financial backing from Salt Lake City business men for two trips to Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii.

His father, Joe, was a lightweight wrestler and at one time held the Pacific Coast title. Both of Detton's parents were Mormons.

It was in 1926, when he was only seventeen, that Dean entered the University of Utah. He was a member of Ike Armstrong's famous football team which remained undefeated for five years. He worked his way through college which made him take a year longer than his classmates.

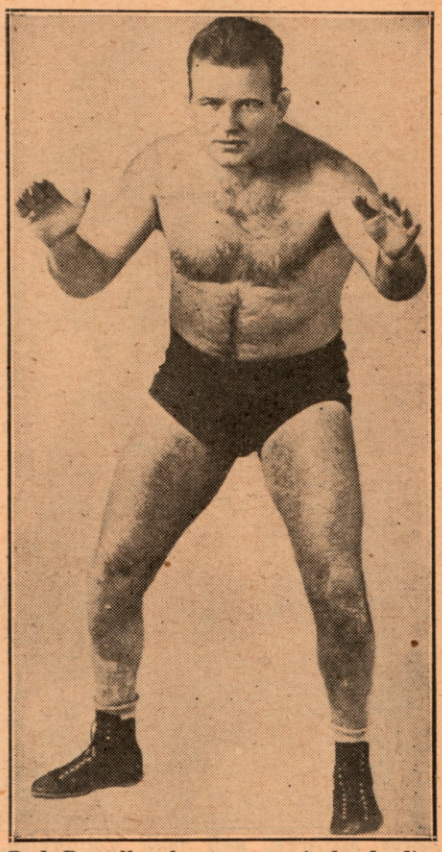
Dean learned the rudiments of wrestling at college, starting as a welterweight, and as he took on poundage, graduated into all the heavier divisions, competing as a middleweight, light-heavyweight and finally heavyweight.

In 1927 he won all of his intercollegiate bouts as a welterweight but lost in the Inter-Mountain finals. In 1928 he went undefeated as a middleweight, and in 1929 he won all his matches in the light-heavyweight class. In 1930 he earned gold medals by capturing the light-heavy and heavyweight honors in the Inter-Mountain championships which were staged at Pocatello, Idaho. Detton was captain of the mat team that year.

Dean turned professional in 1931 and became an overnight success. Detton won nine straight bouts in the International tourney conducted by Lou Daro at Los Angeles during the summer of 1935 but withdrew on account of injury.

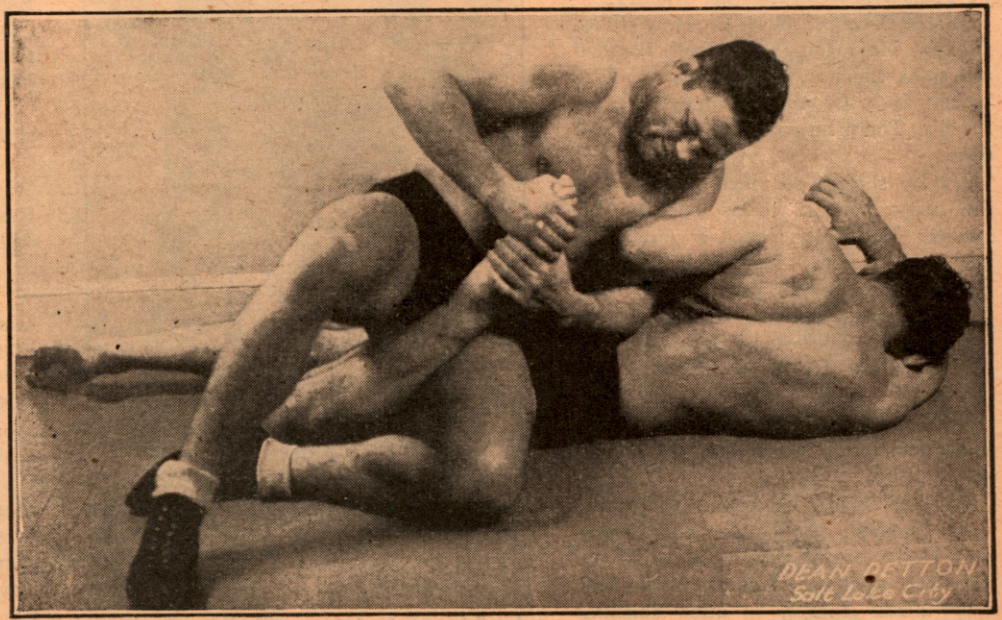
Detton gained the Heavyweight Championship of the World from Ali Baba.

Dean Detton has traveled to the four corners of the earth and was given great receptions everywhere he went. He made a great hit in Australia and New Zealand.



Red Russell, who is one of the leading attractions on the West Coast.

At the present time Dean is wrestling in Upper New York State. His style is still smooth and fast, his methods up to date, and the veteran continues to perform before packed houses with his colorful assortment of wrestling tricks gleaned from his



Dean Detton, colorful Salt Lake City matman, illustrating his toehold on a sparring mate.

Leroy McGuirk, well built Californian, who has been doing well in Texas rings.

Bibber was selected a member of the all-scholastic eleven. During the year 1924 he devoted all of his time to amateur wrestling.

McCoy did so well in the amateur ranks that he won the light-heavyweight championship in the Olympic trials, but due to his studies he was unable to go to France to represent his country.

Bibber later enrolled at Holy Cross College. He made the football, baseball and track teams in his first year. In 1926 he left Holy Cross and entered Mt. St. Mary's. There he captained the baseball team.

McCoy showed so much promise that five major league teams bid for his services. He finally signed a contract to play ball for the Detroit Tigers and played for the entire year of 1927. The following year he was farmed out to Beaumont of the Texas League and was recalled to the Tigers the following season.

Bibber was forced to quit baseball due to an arm injury received while playing ball.

He then turned his talents to professional football, playing for the Dilboy Post eleven of Somerville, Mass. However, the monetary returns in football didn't please Bibber, so after finishing the season, he became a professional wrestler in 1929.

From then on the name of McCoy became known as a thorn in the sides of all contenders and titleholders alike.

McCoy is a squatty individual, standing only five feet ten inches tall but he tips the scales at 240 pounds. He knows the game from A to Z and is the type that keeps studying new moves and holds on his road to mat protection.

During the month the following grapplers have been seen in these localities:

Houston, Texas: Louis Thez, George Temple, Leroy McGuirk, Ellis Bashara, Buddy Rogers, Dizzy Davis, Bobby Bruns, and Jules Strongbow.

Providence, R. I.: Steve Casey, Marvin Westenberg, Johnnie Mucciacciaro, Ted Germain, Kamuka and Jean LaRoche.

Philadelphia, Pa.: Max Krauser, Michele Leone, Emil Dusek, Larry Moquin, Gino Garibaldi, Mickey Gavas, Jim Austeri, Bibber McCoy, Ed Strangler White and Frank Judson.

San Francisco, Calif.: Sandor Szabo, Rebel Russell, Dr. Len Hall, Terry McGinnis, Hardy Kruskamp, Angelo Cistoldi, Juan Humberto and Joaquin Murietta.

Hartford, Conn.: Chief Saunooke, Henri DeGlane.

Columbus, Ohio: Bob Cummings, Billy Weidner, Dave Reynolds, Ali Aliba, Al Krushner, Johnny Stiles, Ray Steele, Alex Kasoboski, Bobby Nelson and Sonny Meyers.

Portland, Oregon: Abe Kashey, Ted Cox, Seelie Samara, Hans Haempfer, Frankie Albertson, Yaqui Joe, Cliff Thiede and Pat Kelly.

New Orleans: Leo Jensen, Masked Bat, Dutch Schultz, Larry Tillman, Barefoot Ballard and Swede Olson.

Buffalo, New York: Warren Brockwinkel, Billy Watson, Babe Sharkey, Fred Von Schacht, Sandy O'Donnell, Bill Hensen, Pat Fraley, Ed Strangler Lewis, Kay Bell, Lee Heening and Dean Detton.

Boston, Mass.: Olaf Olsen, Bobby

two decades of grappling.

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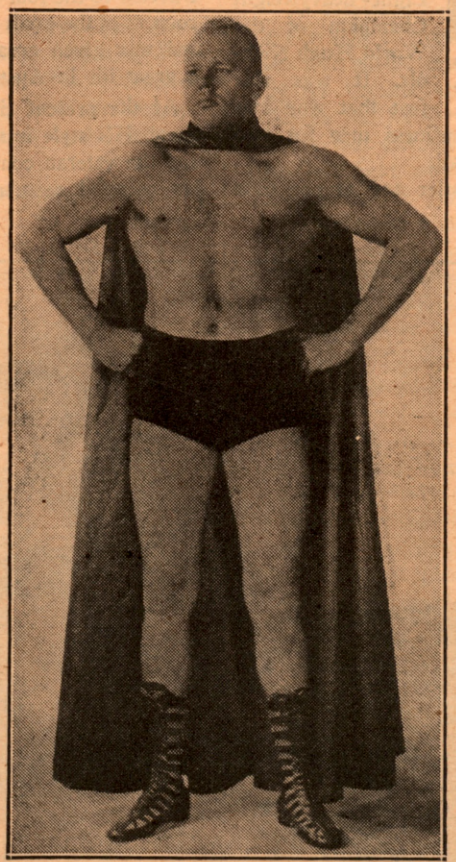
ROBERT H. J. McCOY, known to mat fans as "Bibber," is back on the mat after many months in the service.

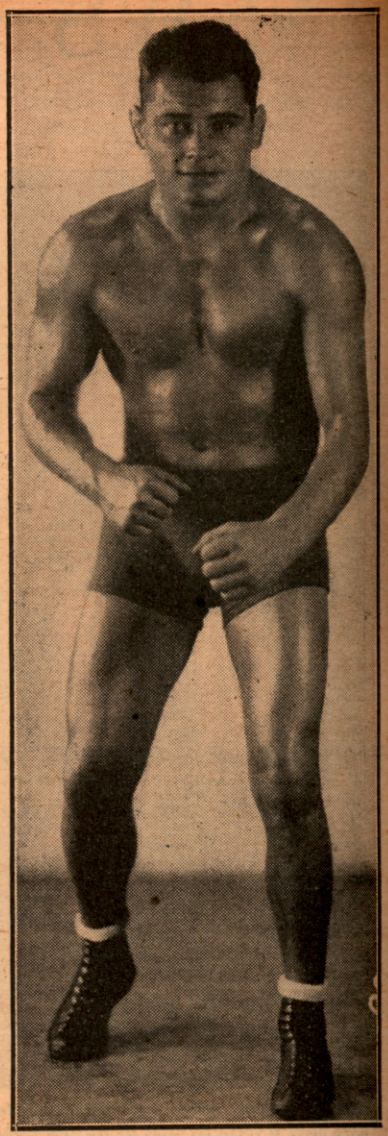
Bibber was born of Irish-American parents in Cambridge, Mass., July 10, 1906. In his initial athletic event when only eight years old he won a twenty-five yard swim at Magazine Beach, Cambridge.

The following year he joined the Y.M.C.A. of his home town and participated in all sports, including wrestling.

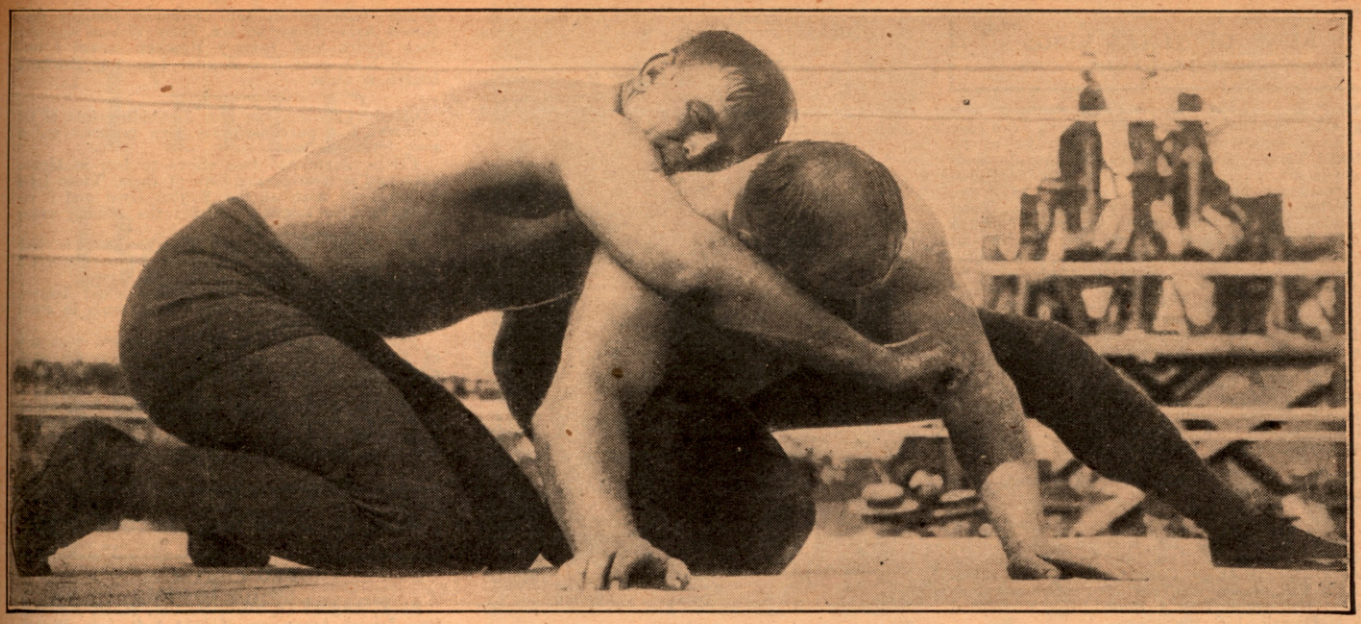
In 1920, while a member of the Rindge High School, McCoy was awarded letters in football, baseball, rowing, swimming, hockey and track. For four consecutive years



Fred Von Schacht, now showing his talents in Buffalo, New York.



Sandor Szabo, the popular Hungarian.



Frank Gotch trying to clamp an arm lock on George Hackenschmidt during their great bout. Gotch was declared the victor over the mighty Russian Lion.

Roberts, Tom Casey, Charles Diamond, Ed McNeil, Jack Schaeffer, Henry Piers and Bobby Robertson.

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CONTINUING with our old time wrestler series, we come across the name of Frank Gotch.

Wherever wrestling is discussed the name of Gotch always heads the list. He was, in the opinion of the experts, the greatest wrestler America ever produced. His toehold will never be matched. Once clamped on an opponent victory was assured for the Iowa farmer.

Frank Gotch was born April 27, 1876, on a small farm near Humboldt, Iowa. He developed his strength while working on the farm and while still a youngster became interested in the art of wrestling.

Frank won the American Heavyweight Championship in 1908 from Tom Jenkins after one of the roughest matches ever seen in this country. The match was held in Bellingham, Washington. Gotch won the first fall and was awarded the second and the championship after Jenkins continually fouled him by applying the strangle hold and by striking him.

Gotch then went on to win the Heavyweight Championship of the World by defeating the Russian Lion, George Hackenschmidt, at Chicago in 1908. Although Frank did not pin the mighty Hack he did force him to retire due to complete exhaustion. Wrestling enthusiasts call it the greatest mat spectacle in history. The new champion lost nine pounds during the contest and his tongue was so badly swollen that it was a week before he could speak plainly.

Gotch and Hackenschmidt met again in 1911 with the former winning in short order. After the match it was made known that the Russian entered the ring with a badly sprained knee, and although he had concealed it at first it prevented his exerting more than feeble resistance against the champion. The gate receipts set a record for any wrestling match, $87,000.

The most important aftermath of the second Gotch-Hackenschmidt tilt was not the fact that it set a record at the gate, or that the Russian Lion was no match for the Iowa farmer, for it was in that bout that Frank Gotch introduced his never to be forgotten toehold against which no opponent ever survived. The hold caused great pain to the victim and made the most powerful men weak.

On April 2, 1899, Gotch engaged in his first professional match with Marshall Green at Humboldt. He

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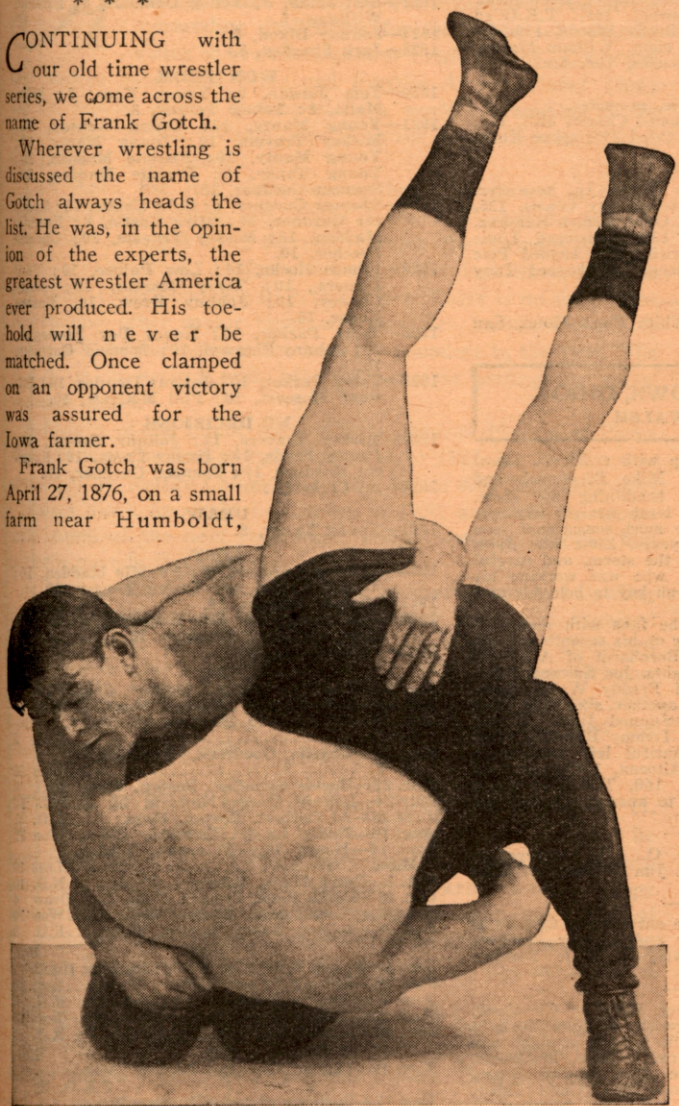
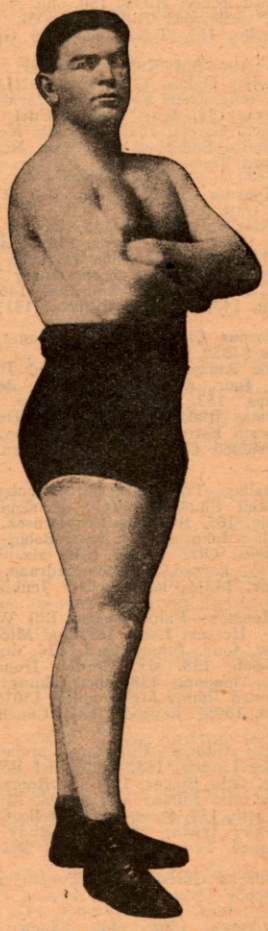


Gotch pinning an opponent to the mat with a half nelson and crotch lift. This hold was one of the champion's favorites.



Gotch in his prime.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

GLOVE GOSSIP—Beltin' Ben Johnson, terrific socking young heavyweight, ran his knockout string to thirteen straight as he flattened Tommy Blake in three and Amado Rodriquez in six. . . . Gene McMullin, popular Houston sportsman, has bought the Austin Club from Sid Kelso and will stage weekly cards. . . . Tony Elizondo, Texas middleweight champion, looked good in trimming Paul Altman, Clay Rowan and stopping Al Bernard. . . . Bobby Dykes, San Antonio lightweight, looks like the goods. . . . So does the Alamo City's Jimmy Curl, middleweight, and Houston's lightweight sensation, Chief Gordon House, Indian slugger. . . . Costello Cruz made the biggest hit ever in San Antonio in stopping Eddie Wilson (Ownby) in a great fight. . . . Rudy Cruz again proved too fast for Tony Mar, but again it was close and a split duke. Both Cruz brothers are red hot in San Antonio. . . . Kid Filipino, the Mexican welter, is Houston's best card and has never been defeated there. . . . Harry Lane surprised with his great fight against Filipino.

Houston—Ralph Smith, Bill Williams, promoters. Gate $3700.

Bochey Morano, 160, T.K.O.'ed Loren McCullar, 154, two. Michael Lytell, 160, decisioned Celeste Robinson, 163, six. Richard Jackson, 155, decisioned Eundoro Patino, 148, four. Samuel Andrade, 125, T.K.O.'ed Chili Cantero, 126, three. Rodolfo Villanueva, 120, decisioned Orlando Fernandez, 118, eight. Danny Rosati, 152, decisioned Bill McDowell, 156, ten.

Fort Worth—Henry M. Rabun, promoter.

Pascual G. Castillo, 140, kayoed Augie Booshamer, 137, two. Bert Linam, 156, kayoed Pete Partida, 151, one. Abner Bedingfield, 157, decisioned Archie Vansickle, 165, four. Hubert Gray, 147, decisioned Bobby Woods, 144, six. Tom Attra, 170, decisioned Pancho Medrano, 180, ten.

San Antonio—Bill Davee, promoter. Gate $6000.

George Flores, 130, decisioned Roger Sanchez, 134, four. Jimmy Curl, 139, decisioned Julio Cerna Rodriguez, 159, six. Ben Johnson, 169, T.K.O.'ed Raymond Maley, 167, one. Eddie Ownby, 183, T.K.O.'ed Tommy Charles, 172, five. Tony Elizondo, 157½, decisioned Paul Altman, 158, ten.

Houston—Sam Petro, promoter.

Harry Lassain, 130, kayoed Robert Sanders, 124, one. Herschel Wallace, 138, kayoed Pascual Castillo, 140, two. Jimmy McLaughlin, 150, T.K.O.'ed Harry Malick, 145, two. Gilbert Garcia, 148, kayoed Robert Hicks, 150, one. Augustin Arellano, 164, decisioned Bill McDowell, 158, ten. Jerry Fiorello, 159, T.K.O.'ed Tony Gillo, 164, ten.

Austin—Sid Kelso, promoter.

Bobby Dykes, 129, decisioned David Rodriguez, 124, four. Jesus Rodriguez, 125, decisioned George Flores, 133, four. Jimmy Curl, 160, T.K.O.'ed Ignacio Garcia, 152, six. Gene Kelly, 120, kayoed Casimiro Sanchez, 122, three. Ben Johnson, 171, kayoed Thomas Blake, 171, three.

Houston—Ralph Smith, Bill Williams, promoters. Gate $4700.

Celeste Robinson, 155, kayoed Wilbert Kemp, 162, three. Otho Slager, 138, decisioned Ray McNally, 133, four. Ocie Dearing, 169, T.K.O.'ed Billy McCoy, 172, three. Harry Thielepape, 144, T.K.O.'ed Francis Gonzales, 146, six. Clarence King, 143, and Kid Filipino, 141½, drew, ten.

Corpus Christi—William Jones, Jr., promoter. Gate $3850.

Joe Amaya, 120, decisioned David Rodriguez, 126, four. Al Bourgeois, 142, decisioned George Silvas, 152, six. Pete Abrego, 168, decisioned Thomas Blake, 169, six. Billy Deeg, 150, kayoed Roberto Estrado, 148, three. Tony Elizondo, 160, decisioned Clay Rowan, 166, ten.

Dallas—Travis McCall, promoter. Gate $4600.

Cecil Shumway, 167, decisioned Archie Vansickle, 165, four. Charles Benson, 166, decisioned Walter Johnson, 170, four. Bobby Woods, 142, decisioned Otho Slager, 136, six. William Mojica, 168½, kayoed Pancho Medrano, 176, one. Lou Flyer, 142½, kayoed Lew Jenkins, 136, six.

Houston—Ralph Smith, Bill Williams, promoters. Herbert Lane, 168, and Michael Lytell, 160, drew, four. Jimmy Curl, 156, decisioned Richard Jackson, 155, six. Gordon House, 135, kayoed Jose Mendoza, 130, one. Johnny Dabbs, 141, decisioned Jimmy McLaughlin, 150½, eight. Al Bernard, 150½, kayoed Henry Chuckoluck, 155, two.

San Antonio—Bill Davee, promoter. Gate $9800.

Joe Laredo, 133, decisioned Bobby Dykes, 130, four. Otho Slager, 137, and Roman Martinez, 134, drew, six. Johnny Villanueva, 125½, and Manuel Zaquete, 132, drew, six. Costello Cruz, 170, kayoed Tommy Irwin, 181, one. Rudy Cruz, 137, decisioned Tony Mar, 136½, ten.

Corpus Christi—Guy Turpin, promoter.

Bobby Dykes, 128½, kayoed Octaviano Garza, 131½, four. Ollie Brewster, 143, decisioned Ralph Silverman, 146½, four. James H. Curl, 156, T.K.O.'ed Horace Morgan, 147, two, Ramon Martinez, 138, T.K.O.'ed Al Bourgeois, 136½, ten. Ben Johnson kayoed Amado Rodriguez, 176, six.

Laredo—L. M. Vallee, promoter.

Lauro Salas, 123, kayoed Carlos Martinez Mercado, 117, one. Jose Puente, 135, decisioned Antonio Paredes Olmos, 130, eight. Tony Garcia, 150, decisioned Uresti, 153, ten.

Austin—Sid Kelso, promoter.

Jimmy Nicholson, 129, T.K.O.'ed Harvey Stewart, 122, three. Bert Linam, 152, kayoed Carl Scarmardo, 149, one. Bobby Woods, 140, T.K.O.'ed Tommy Blakeway, 140, five. Jack Pierce, 180, decisioned Melvin Walker, 183, eight. Gene Kelly, 117, decisioned Jose Andreas, 119, ten.

San Antonio—Bill Davee, promoter. Gate $5400.

Freddie Gonzales, 134, decisioned Pedro Acosta, 132, four. Bobby Dykes, 130, kayoed Melchor Rodriguez, 133, two. Ramon Martinez, 135, decisioned Otho Slager, 137, six. Rudy Cruz, 137, decisioned Gordon House, 135½, ten. Costello Cruz, 168, kayoed Eddie Ownby, 180, five.

Houston—Ralph Smith, Bill Williams, promoters. Gate $5900.

Celeste Robinson, 160, T.K.O.'ed Herbert Lane, 168, three. Joe Robinson, 135, T.K.O.'ed Arley Ewart, 144, four. Baficio Marino, 161, decisioned Archie Vansickle, 162, four. Johnny Williams, 132, T.K.O.'ed Raymond McNally, 129, two. Johnny Dabbs, 142, kayoed Francis Gonzales, 150, five. Augustin Arellano, 161, T.K.O.'ed Paul Altman, 154, seven.

Houston—Ralph Smith, Bill Williams, promoters.

Harry Lassain, 130, decisioned Frank Cockrell, 131, four. Newton Baker, 145, decisioned Robert Woods, 140, eight. Otho Slager, 136, decisioned Juan Zapata, 132, eight. Jimmy McLaughlin, 152, and Eundoro Patino, 147, drew, eight.

Dallas—Travis McCall, promoter.

Lee Minor, 152, kayoed Joe Mercier, 154, three. Bob Longine, 142, decisioned Abner Bedingfield, 148, four. Buddy Shumway, 169, T.K.O.'ed Thomas Blake, 171, four. Bobby Woods, 139, decisioned Otho Slager, 136, eight. William Mojica, 170, decisioned Tommy Charles, 166, ten.

Terrell—Matthew T. Else, promoter.

Ernest Smith, 145, decisioned Charles Hill, 155, six. A. D. Lewis, 153, T.K.O.'ed Thielepape Kurksey, 157, seven.

Corpus Christi—William Jones, Jr., promoter.

Bobby Dykes, 127, decisioned Ray Olmos, 125, four. Joe Amaya, 121, T.K.O.'ed Ramon Ramirez, 122, three. Jose Puente, 130, decisioned Louis Salas, 125, six. Tommy Irwin, 175, kayoed Pete Abrego, 169, two. Billy Deeg, 149, kayoed Tony Garcia, 149½, five.

The writer's address: White Plaza Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

IN YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO
By BILL WALSH

BILL WALSH came up with a Pier 6 brawl of a fight card with Mike Birskovich and Young Charlie Zivic headlining the show. Maulin' Mike hung up his tenth straight victory.

The first round was the most sensational seen in Youngstown in many years. Zivic was down three times, but weathered the storm, and careful handling by Fritzie Zivic, who was working his corner, caused the Pittsburgh boy to hold his own for the next seven rounds.

The prelims furnished the fans with plenty of action. Bobby Timpson hung up his seventh straight win in defeating Freddy Bernhardt of Akron in a torrid six. Both lightweights. Joe Salcone, Warren lightweight, decisioned Freddy Walsh, lightweight, of Pittsburgh, in another six. Moe Harvey, 130, Warren, O., decisioned Jimmy Drain, 130½, Cleveland, in four. Tommy Brocken, Warren, 155, displayed a beautiful left hook when he dumped Art Kimmel, Altoona, 153¾, in 1:48 of the first. Ben Skelton, 160, T.K.O.'ed Chris Tabor when Tabor failed to answer the bell for the fourth.

Tommy Broken, Warren, O., 155, journeyed to Canton, O., and decisioned Jim Williams of Canton in four.

Jack Thompson has three outstanding fighters in Joe Salcone, Moe Harvey and Tommy Brocken. The first two are lightweights, while Brocken scales 155.

Birskovich scored another K.O. at Cleveland, when he dumped Jay Paganelli of New York in three heats. This was Mike's 11th straight win and sixth via the kayo route. Matt McGowan, Mike's manager, was the developer of Sonny Horne and many other good boys. Chris Tabor, another of Matt's boys, will soon be seen in action again.

At Youngstown, Irish Mickey Doyle decisioned Russ Baxter in ten. Irish Jim Flynn decisioned Willie Barrows in ten. Shamus McCray decisioned Arbie Bowie in six. Billy Wilson won over Jack Smith and Tommy Brocken scored a two-round K.O. over Ken Kiglia. This was Brocken's fourth straight.

Charley Burley, the No. 2 middleweight of the country, has purchased his own contract and is now free lancing.

Fritzie Zivic has two offers to box in Mexico City and is considering both of them. Vince Joyce is the head man at the Eagles Gym and is developing new talent there for the coming winter season.

Joe Biro, Youngstown heavyweight, is back from overseas, where he boxed Primo Carnera a three-round exhibition at Sequals, Italy.

Frankie Janiro, Tony Janiro's older brother, is staging a comeback, and will be seen in action sometime next month.

The Youngstown boxing commission, consisting of Dr. J. E. Barnes, secretary; Roy de Paul, chairman, and Herb Petsch, are doing a great job.

Joe Di Matteo scored a one-round kayo in his first pro fight in New York. Would like to hear from Dick Menchaca, the Texas lightweight, who was a sensation in the ETO.

Add to All-Time Record Book

RED CHAPMAN
(Morris Kaplan)

Born, August 16, 1901, Boston, Mass. Nationality—Jewish-American. Height, 5 ft. 5 in. Weight, 124 lbs.

KNOCKOUTS

1920—Young Kelly, 1; Billy Duffy, 6; Eddie Sharkey, 8; Frankie McFarland, 5; Harry Loring, 4; Tommy Flanagan, 2; Jack Leon, 6.
1921—Young Kansas, 3; Johnny Morgan, 9; Billy Campbell, 3; Young Donohue, 6; Mike Malia, 7; Al Girard, 7; Young Kansas, 3.
1922—Bert Jones, 3; Young Donohue, 3; Freddie Williams, 5.
1924—Johnny Dixon, 3.
1925—Jack Sharkey, 3.

WON FROM

1920—Tom Jordan, 6; Young Enos, 8; Mike Malia, 8; Young Tansey, 8.
1921—Young Manty, 10; Young Kenedy, 10; Mickey Travers, 10; Young Manty, 10; Young Manty, 10; Freddie Madden, 10; Young Tansy, 8; Freddie Madden, 10; Spencer Gardner, 10.
1922—Spencer Gardner, 8; Mike Castle, 10; Spencer Gardner, 10; Mike Castle, 8; Freddie Madden, 10; Mickey Travers, 10; Charlie Beecher, 10.
1923—Romeo Roche, 10; Lew Paluso, 10; Paul Demers, 10; Terry Martin, 10; Andy Chaney, 10; Johnny Drew, 10, Romeo Roche, 10.
1924—Terry Parker, 10; Honey Boy Finnegan, 10; Johnny Shepard, 10; Spencer Gardner, 10.
1925—Terry Parker, 10; Johnny Dundee, 10; Edward Mascart, 10; Phil McGraw, 10.

NO DECISIONS

1922—Mickey Travers, 12; Johnny Brown, 12; Jimmy Freda, 10; Jimmy Freda, 10; Spencer Gardner, 12; Spencer Gardner, 10.
1925—Al Corbett, 10.

DRAW

1921—Young Tansy, 8.

LOST

1920—Spencer Gardner, 10; Freddie Madden, 10; Young Manty, 10; Young Tansey, 10.
1921—Mickey Travers, 10.
1923—Lew Paluso, 10; Romeo Roche, 10; Johnny Drew, 10; Jack Hausner, 10.
1925—Chick Suggs, 10.

1926	Rds.
Jan. 22—Joe King Leopold, Denver, Colo.	Won 3
Feb. 25—Babe Herman, Boston, Mass.	Won 10
Mar. 19—Jimmy Kid Herman, Portland, Ore.	K.O. 2
Mar. 22—Charlie Goodman, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Won 12
Apr. 22—Herbie Schaffer, Boston, Mass.	K.O. 4
May 24—Bennie Cross, Newark, N. J.	N.D. 10
June 28—Al Corbett, Boston, Mass.	K.O. 1
Aug. 16—Eddie Lord, Hartford, Conn.	Won 12
Sept. 16—Honey Boy Finnegan, Boston, Mass.	Lost 10
Oct. 1—Petey Mack, Bayonne, N. J.	N.D. 10
Oct. 15—Eddie Mack, Denver, Colo.	Draw 4
Oct. 26—Steve Smith, Boston, Mass.	Won 10
Dec. 10—Johnny Dixon, Boston, Mass.	K.O. 3

1927	Rds.
Jan. 1—Benny Bass, New York City	Lost (foul) 1
Feb. 28—Sammy Fuller, Boston, Mass.	Lost 10
Aug. 3—Frankie Stewart, Sanford, Me.	K.O. 4
Sept. 12—Benny Bass, Philadelphia, Pa.	Lost 10
Dec. 19—Tommy Crowley, Pittsburgh, Pa.	K.O. 1

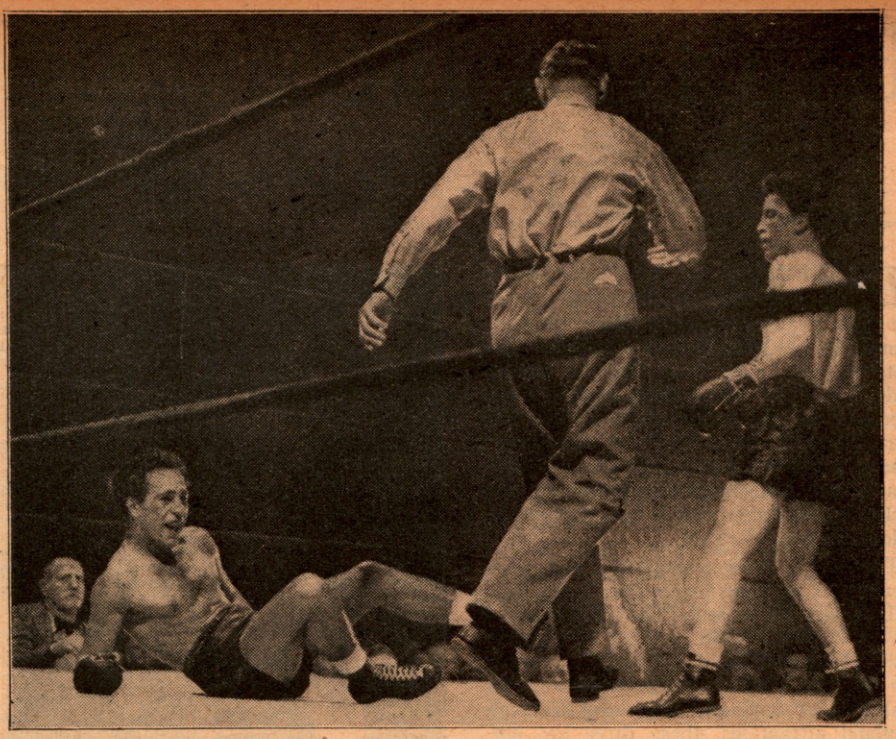
1928	Rds.
Nov. 18—Gaston Charles, Boston, Mass.	T.K.O. By 4
Dec. 12—Battling Sandrelli, Providence, R. I.	K.O. 2

1929	Rds.
Jan. 28—Benny Bass, Phila., Pa.	K.O. by 1

JUNIOR TITLE BOUTS RETURN

Tippy Larkin Acclaimed Welter King by Massachusetts Commission

By HARVEY THORNE



The fight that brought Larkin back into the fistic spotlight—the knockout of Allie Stolz in the third round of their Garden fight.

AFTER more than ten years of fistic campaigning, during which period he was regarded as one of the oustanding challengers for the lightweight title by virtue of five victories over Freddie "Red" Cochrane, and kayoes over Allie Stolz and Freddie Archer, classy Tippy Larkin finally gained distinction as a world's champion in the junior welterweight division, insofar as the Massachusetts Boxing Commission is concerned.

Last April the Bay State boxing board sanctioned a match between Tippy Larkin and Willie Joyce at Boston as for the junior welterweight title, thereby reviving the dormant division. The Garfield, N. J., Italian climbed off the deck three times in a thrilling twelve-rounder to defeat Joyce. There is no doubt that Boston and other major cities will soon see Larkin defend his newly-won bauble against the best 140-pounders in the land. The N.B.A. is in accord with Massachusetts on setting up junior divisions again.

A history of the junior welterweight division shows that Pinky Mitchell was the first to rule that roost in 1922. He in turn was succeeded by Mushy Callahan in 1926. Jackie Kid Berg dethroned Callahan via a knockout in London in 1930, and held the crown until April of the next year when Tony Canzoneri stopped him in three rounds at Chicago.

Johnny Jadick decisioned Canzy the following year and Battling Shaw whipped Jadick in 1933, whereupon Canzoneri regained his lost laurels by whipping Battling Shaw shortly afterward in a ten-round title bout held May 21, 1933, at New Orleans. Barney Ross scored a dual triumph in June of that same year, beating Canzoneri in ten rounds for the lightweight and the junior welterweight titles.

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TIPPY LARKIN was born Tony Pilleteri on November 11, 1917, at Garfield, New Jersey. At the age of eighteen he enrolled in the C.C.C. Tippy's older brother, Bobby, had been a successful amateur boxer and had won numerous medals. Tippy appropriated Bob's prizes, and around the camp, proudly showed the trophies off as his own. Larkin's reputation as a slugger grew, although he had yet to display his prowess. He had never boxed before!

To his dismay a boxing tournament was being arranged, but Tippy felt secure in the knowledge that no one would care to mingle with a former great amateur fighter. However, one chap did screw up enough courage and he was paired with Larkin. Tippy in describing that fight, declares he advanced on shaky pins, shut his eyes tight, and let fly with a right. Luckily it caught his foe on the point of the chin and stiffened him. Larkin's rep was even more enhanced now. He won a few more bouts, then returned home in 1935.

Tippy turned pro and was undefeated for two years. He won 58 out of his first 60 starts. At present Larkin, who is five feet seven inches tall, boasts a most impressive record stretching over 119 bouts. He has knocked out 50 of his opponents, has been held to a draw only by Bobby Ruffin, and has lost but seven times. Larkin has yet to lose a decision since June 6, 1939, when he was beaten by Jackie "Kid" Berg. Since then he has been kayoed by Al Davis, Lew Jenkins, Beau Jack, and Henry Armstrong.

Despite these stunning setbacks, each coming at a stage in Larkin's career when he seemed headed for the championship, Tippy, undaunted, fought his way back to top recognition. Although he scales around the 140 mark and proudly wears a belt presented by the Massachusetts boxing board, emblematic of the junior welter crown, Larkin is now a full-fledged welterweight, and may yet garner titular honors among the 147 pounders. He is managed by his lifelong pal, Angelo Pucci, under whose guidance Tippy has made great headway.

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AT times Larkin has been accused by fistic critics of lacking a little in the "ticker" department. However, fans who saw him gamely battle Jackie "Kid" Berg after breaking his right hand in the first round of a ten-rounder, will hotly dispute this contention.

Tippy really rose to unprecedented heights in his long boxing career in the battle with Willie Joyce. The Gary, Indiana, Negro floored Larkin three times for eight counts in the third round and coming up for the fourth, Larkin appeared ready for the cleaners. He startled the crowd and Joyce too, as he stormed from behind to box and battle his way to a twelve-round win.

Larkin's record is really an amazing one when scanned carefully. Joe Louis, Willie Pep, Manuel Ortiz, and perhaps one or two other active headliners have won as many fights over a proportionate stretch of years as has Larkin. Tippy, during his ring career, has run up strings of thirty-four, twenty-three, and eighteen straight victories at various intervals. He is undefeated since March 8, 1943, when he was stopped by Henry Armstrong. His current winning streak is now twenty-two straight.

This year Tippy kayoed Solomon Stewart, and trounced Bobby McIntire, Nick Moran and Joyce.

Larkin is married and has a four-year-old daughter.

RHODY'S FIGHTING WELTERS

By DANNY NARDI

DOWN through the years Rhode Island has sent many of its native sons to the fistic wars, and from those ring encounters the representatives of the smallest state in the Union have brought nation-wide fame and glory back home. Those successes of past years, while written into THE RING Record Book to stay, seem headed for oblivion as a new trio of Rhode Island born welterweights promise to skyrocket to heights never before reached by fellow Rhode Islanders.

Three is a crowd, they say, and when speaking in the ring vernacular, Ralph Zannelli, Ernie Forte and Bobby Zollo are a crowd. Zannelli is the veteran of the trio, while Forte and Zollo are both 22 years of age and comparatively newcomers in the beak-busting business. High-ranking New England attractions, these three are possessed of exceptional boxing ability and punching power.

Each represents a different section of the State. Zannelli hails from the Federal Hill section, Forte from the Charles Street sector and Zollo from East Providence. All three were born and raised in their respective parts of the State and are considered as local boys making good.

Bobby Zollo, Rhode Island welterweight youngster, whose long winning streak was ended by Willie Joyce in a great battle.

Zannelli, managed by Phil Buccola of Boston, has been going great guns of late. His two slugfests with Billy Arnold in Philadelphia are still topics of conversation, his four-round knockout of Marine Garvey Young was a sensational affair, as were his victories of recent weeks over Nava Esparza and Maxie Berger. Zannelli, dubbed the "Roughhouse Kid," is one of the greatest crowd pleasers in New England ring history. This can be attested to by the fact that he holds the crowd drawing record in Rhode Island.

"The Roughhouse Kid" has been up against such top ranking fighters as Ray Robinson, Henry Armstrong, Jimmy Doyle, Jimmy McDaniels and Freddie Archer and has made a fine showing in each of those contests. Struck with stage fright in his first and only Madison Square Garden appearance two years ago with McDaniels, Zannelli dropped a close verdict. Since that bout he has improved with age and is looking forward to another chance to appear in the Garden.

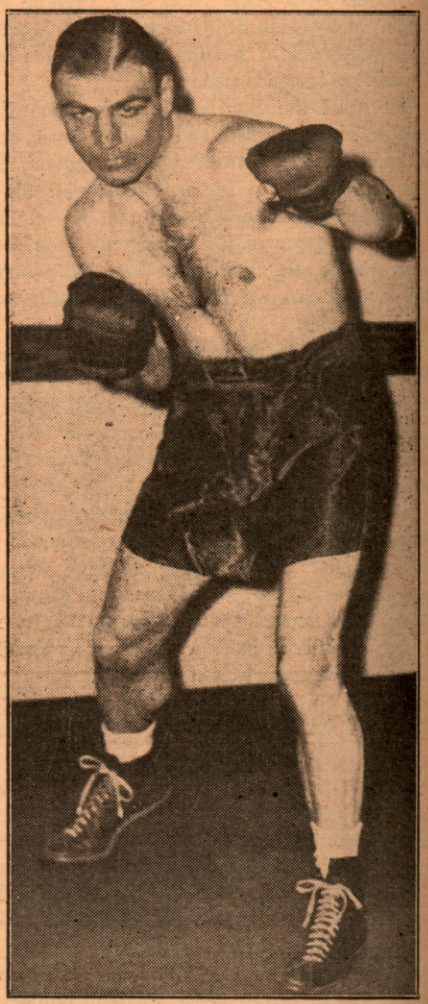
Forte, who is handled by Billy Ames, current publicity director at Narragansett Race Track and one-time prominent fight manager and matchmaker, is one of the classiest welterweights of the division. Besieged with a streak of bad luck since being honorably discharged from the U.S. Coast Guard, Ernie is now hitting on high and in a few months should stand ready for the top-ranking boys of the division.

His two stirring battles in preliminaries at Madison Square Garden with Jerry Fiorello and Saverio Turiello are still remembered. His most recent bout with Jimmy Mills in Boston sent close to 5000 fans away singing his praises. He followed this remarkable exhibition with another star performance against Eddie Ellis. Forte is under the astute handling of Billy Ames, who cautions the fans, "To watch my Ernie."

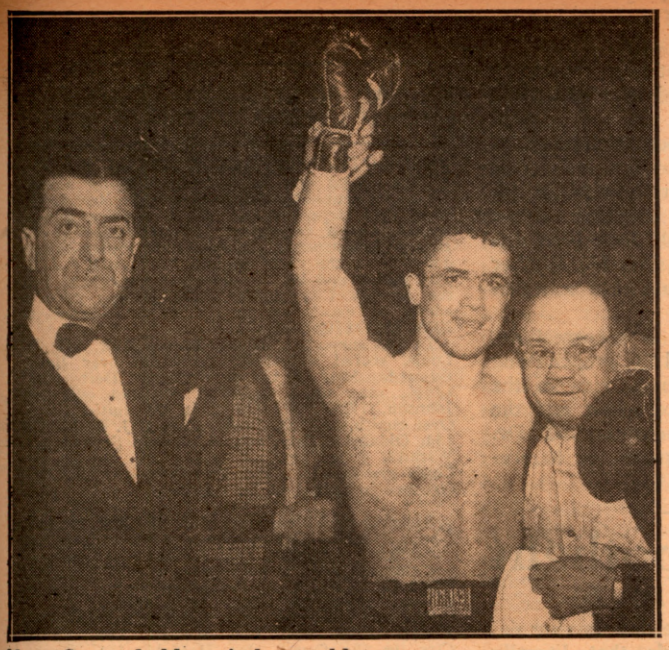
Zollo, who was brought out of the amateur ranks and developed into a fine prospect by Bobby Viti, recently lost a decision to Willie Joyce, his first major loss in 18 starts. Although beaten by the highly ranked Joyce, Zollo was far from disgraced. He copped the first round of the fight, but the windmill style of Willie was too tough for the comparatively inexperienced Zollo to cope with. Despite a perpetual barrage to head and body thrown by the Indiana Negro, Bobby gamely kept trying until the final bell. The fistic experts declared that the Joyce-Zollo setto was as clean a fight as ever was fought in the city. Referee Johnny Martin's job was over after he gave the boys their instructions for he never once had to break a clinch.

Previous to this setback by the high ranking Gary, Ind., fighter, Zollo had won 21 out of 23 bouts via the knockout route. Bobby, who was honorably discharged by the Navy, is one of the hardest hitting welterweights in New England.

Ernie Forte, Providence welterweight, possessor of a good string of knockouts.



Ralph Zannelli, Providence, R. I., veteran welter. The "Ripper" still packs a terrific wallop.



Marty Servo, holder of the world crown, having his hand raised in token of victory after stopping Freddie Cochrane.

WELTERS GET THEIR CHANCE

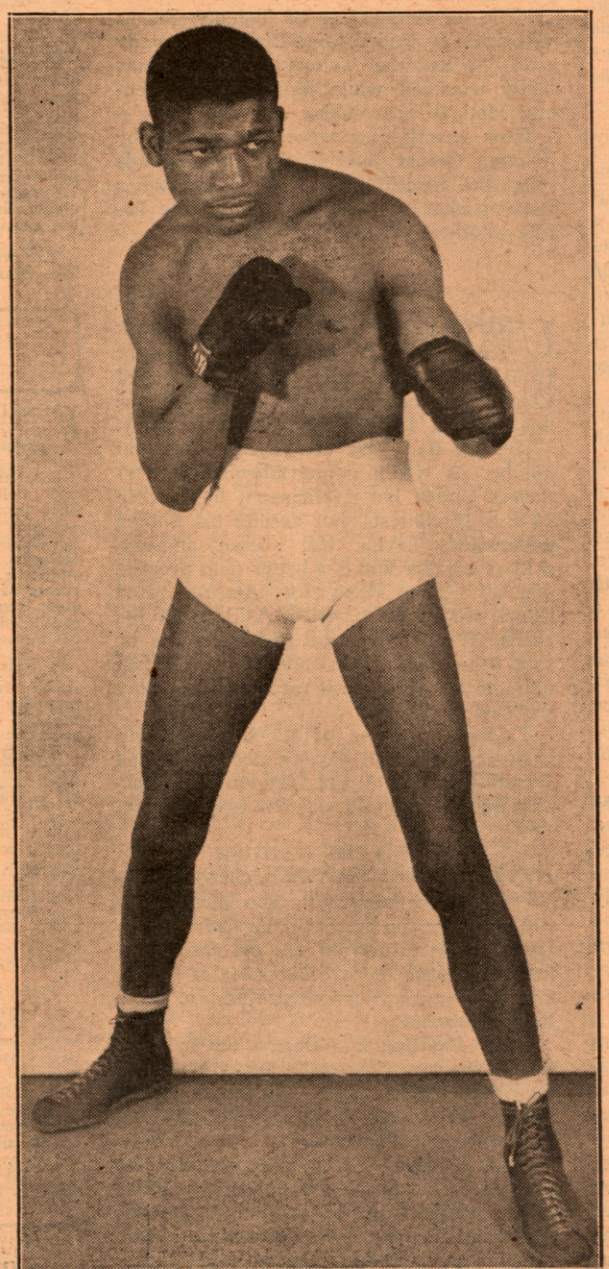
Marty Servo, World Champion, Faces Ray Robinson, at Yankee Stadium

By HAL THOMPSON

THIS is the month when Sugar Ray Robinson, often referred to as the uncrowned king of the welterweights, gets his chance in a world championship fight with Marty Servo, holder of the crown. Their bout at the Yankee Stadium recalls many famous encounters in this class.

Among the welterweight champions of the past were some of the greatest pugilists of all time. Of late years the division has lost considerable caste because of the mediocre quality of performers, but in looking over the records, we find that as a whole the welter division ranks close to the top for activity and for its thrilling bouts. Listed among the great men who held the title in that class are such names as Mysterious Billy Smith, Tommy Ryan, Kid McCoy, Joe Wolcott, Matty Matthews, Henry Armstrong, Barney Ross and Jimmy McLarnin, names that occupy a prominent place in boxing history.

The recent knockout of Freddie Cochrane by Marty Servo and the subsequent kayo of Servo by Rocky Graziano in an overweight match, brought to light the calibre of the present crop of welterweights as compared to those of the past. Just as the crop of welterweights of the McCoy-Ryan-Wolcott era far surpassed that of the period when Barney Ross and Jimmy McLarnin were in their heyday, so do the men of Ross' period reign supreme over the majority of those in the field today. With but one exception—Ray Robinson. Sugar Ray has proved over a stretch of years that he rates among the best of all time. He is the class of the present division.



Ray Robinson, clever and hard-hitting New York welter who is considered the best man at his weight.

Robinson has engaged in 69 pro fights up to this writing and has lost but once, that setback coming at the hands of the most-feared middleweight in the world, Jake LaMotta, whom he trounced in four other engagements. Aside from Joe Louis, who was his neighbor in Detroit when Ray was a kid, and whom incidentally Robinson still worships as a hero, there isn't another fighter active today who can boast of so phenomenal a ring record as that possessed by Sugar Ray.

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THE lean-limbed, gangling, rhythmic-punching welterweight stands five feet eleven inches in height. He can box with the smooth finesse of a Corbett, he can razzle dazzle a foe to distraction with fleet footwork while whipping punches from any and all angles, and he can stand straight and stolid and fire away with thumping, thudding punches that numb the brain of his foe and send him into slumberland.

Like the Brown Bomber, his rise to the top of the heap in his class was sensational. Born Walker Smith, he engaged in more than 85 amateur contests and many unrecorded bootleg bouts without a defeat. Ray declares he defeated Featherweight Champion Willie Pep in the simon-pure ranks. He acquired his ring name of Ray Robinson the day he borrowed an amateur card from a disgruntled scrapper bearing the name. Ray was only sixteen at the time and amateur rules declared that a boxer must be eighteen years old before obtaining a card to box in tournaments.

Robinson won the Golden Gloves featherweight title in 1939 and the lightweight crown in 1940. He turned pro in October, 1940, and within the short space of one year had defeated great fighters like Sammy Angott and Fritzie Zivic. He was knocking out top-flight star bout boxers within his first dozen starts.

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A SLUM product himself, Robinson has become thoroughly absorbed in combating juvenile delinquency. Ray has an-

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Nat Fleischer Says:

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illustrated, a tome containing many photographs of fights and fighters, past and present.

Fair's treatment is a little different from that of the usual tales of famous ring gladiators. It is a book full of rough and tumble stories of one of the most vicious, savage and lovable fighters of the 1920's.

Incidentally, THE RING Editor has just completed his forty-second book on boxing. Our latest output is titled, "Stanley Ketchel, the Michigan Assassin." It is off the press and will soon be out of the bindery ready for distribution. The story is an intimate glimpse into the career and life of the great middleweight who met his untimely end when killed by a jealous rival. We have attempted to set down many little known and previously unpublished anecdotes concerning Ketchel.

THE RING Book Shop is the publisher and the price is $1.50. It will be cloth bound and highly illustrated. Send your order in now and the book will be sent insured as soon as received from the bindery. "Give Him to the Angels" costs $2.50 and "Come Out Fighting," $3.00.

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I TAKE issue with the scribes who insist, as did hundreds of fight fans, that Ray Robinson struck Joe Curcio with a knockout blow that came after the bell had ended the first round of their bout in the Garden. The affair, billed as a tune-up fight for Sugar Ray prior to his championship mill with Marty Servo, was one that will be remembered for a long time by those who were present.

Whether Ray hit Curcio with the thunderous wallop after the bell sounded or with the bell, is something the fans can argue from now to doomsday without getting a definite solution. But as for me, I saw the punch strike the victim at the very clash of the gong ending the round. What is more, my stop watch clicked simultaneously with the bell and showed not a fraction of a second variation from the sound of the gong. I pressed "the trigger" as Curcio struck the canvas, unconscious to the world, hence feel that a gross injustice has been done to Sugar Ray in the many uncomplimentary remarks made about his unsportsmanship.

His was as clean a knockout as ever has been seen and as fair as any ever recorded in a Garden ring. Even if he had landed after the sounding of the gong, which he emphatically did not, as Bill Corum so aptly wrote in his review of the fight and the broadcasting of the affair, Robinson still would have won the fight on a clean knockout because the punch was started before the bell and was on its way.

No sane referee would have ruled otherwise. I admire the pluck and skill of Referee Billy Cavanagh in sticking by his guns and acting according to Hoyle in his decision.

As for the round in which the bout ended, the second session is the correct verdict. The bell had sounded for that round and the victim was as cold as ice on the canvas floor when Cavanagh started the count, quit at five and called it a night. The official time is ten seconds of the second round. Had the fight ended between rounds, it would have been recorded as a one-round kayo.

Many arguments have been heard regarding the decision. Some scribes insist that since the seconds of Curcio were in the ring at the time of the sounding of the second gong, Curcio should have been disqualified. Others say that since Dr. Walker aided the boy, Curcio should have been disqualified.

In my opinion, neither is a correct decision. Billy Cavanagh did the proper thing by counting over the man in view of the fact that Curcio was unconscious and the presence of both his seconds and Dr. Walker were absolutely necessary to prevent a fatality.

In Fistic Spotlight

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the Tampa Tornado to resume boxing despite 16 shrapnel wounds that literally punched him full of holes!

"The fighting career of Tommy Gomez was definitely ended," one clipping gloomily read, "when the Tampa youngster was badly wounded while fighting with General Hodges' army today . . . ."

How wrong they were was proven by Tommy Gomez himself, who now stands upon the threshold of fistic fame and a possible shot at the heavyweight title before another year rolls around.

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CHUCK TAYLOR

UNHEARD of six months ago, Chuck Taylor, a 23-year-old welterweight from the Pennsylvania mining hamlet of Coalport, is now regarded as one of the finest young 147-pounders in the country.

He has had very few fights, the total number of which is unconfirmed. Nevertheless Chuck has participated in between 14 and 17 contests, but despite his limited experience, Taylor has shown amazing skill as a boxer and is a better than average puncher. THE RING for August rated Chuck among the first ten. Aside from Joe Louis, Willie Pep, and perhaps three or four other fighters, no pugilist has broken into the monthly RING ratings in so short a period of time.

Taylor is the son of a coal miner. He is of Irish-English descent and claims his grandfather was an old bare-knuckle fighter. Chuck is married and has two children.

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PEDRO HERNANDEZ

PEDRO HERNANDEZ, classy Puerto Rican featherweight, who inexplicably slid from the top rungs of the fistic ladder, seems to be displaying his old form now that he is once more being handled by his first manager, Irving Cohen, who also pilots Rocky Graziano.

Pedro, fighting a southpaw for the first time in his career, extended the Midwestern sensation, Jackie Graves, in a good bout several weeks ago. This was Hernandez's first start in six months.

Only 26 years old, Hernandez may yet live up to his earlier expectations. Prior to his decline from the heights, Pedro defeated Sal Bartolo, Lulu Costantino, Jimmy McAllister, Frankie Carto, and Jackie Wilson. He also made good showings against Willie Pep in two good tussles.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY

By MAX YEARGAIN

PROMOTER GABE KAUFFMAN presented the crowd with a thrilling fight at Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium when Bert Lytell, New York scrapper and eighth ranking middleweight, won a very close 10-round decision over Henry Armstrong's protege, Roy Miller. Miller did well in the early rounds, but Lytell's southpaw stance and his machine gun right hand kept the Kansas City fighter from getting in close where he excels as an infighter. A crowd of 2268 paid $5020.18.

In the supporting bouts, Jimmy Bull, 157, St. Louis, scored a technical knockout over Jimmy Edwards, 164, in the first round. Derby Dan, 178½, rang up a technical knockout over Bob Johnson, 172½, St. Louis, in the initial round. Oree Smith, 147, St. Louis, stopped J. R. Winkle, 144, Oklahoma City, second. Claude Sollard, 142, Wichita, pulled one out of the fire, cutting Ray Cox's eye to win a technical kayo over the New Orleans welterweight in the fifth.

Fighting in Memorial Hall in Kansas City, Kan., Frankie Rivera, classy Kansas City bantamweight, decisioned Jose Andrews of Dallas in ten rounds. With a pouring rain 1258 fans paid $2003.70 to sit in on the return fight, in which Rivera turned the tables by winning.

The preliminaries saw Jackie Darthard, 146, Kansas City, stop Lou Amayo, 150, Kansas City, in the fourth. Joe Hatfield, 165, Omaha, decisioned Harry Mills, 159, Kansas City, in six. Eddie Dames, 125, St. Louis, drew with Howard Jackson, 127, Kansas City, in six. Bobby Jarvis, 132½, drew with Ernie DeFrance of Wichita in four.

At Wichita Buddy Scott, Oklahoma City heavyweight, kayoed Herb Jones, Indianapolis, in five. Jack Lyons, light-heavyweight, Oklahoma City, decisioned Al Sheridan, Indianapolis, in six. Bill Jackson, Topeka heavyweight, knocked out Bill Palmer, Oklahoma City, third round. Oscar Lee Wilkins lost a split decision to Derby Dan, light-heavyweight in six. Ray Augustus, Topeka 175-pound sensation, kayoed Johnnie Martin, Indianapolis, in a minute in the first round of the special event.

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SPOKANE NEWS

By JIMMY TANSY

FERRIS FIELD—A small crowd gathered to see Joey Dolan keep his record clear at the expense of Joe Tambe, who hails from Buffalo, N. Y. In the second round Dolan cornered Tambe and caught him coming off the ropes with two well-timed right uppercuts which landed flush on the point of the chin. Tambe went down and was counted out by Referee Bud Oliver. In the eight-round semifinal, Cal Robeson and Skinny Roberts battled to a fast draw. Chris Gregory stole the show in his losing battle with Freddie Steele of Vancouver, B. C. This bout also went eight rounds. In the curtain-raiser, Fran Porter continued his winning ways by stopping Bill Craig in the second round.

Ferris Field—Joey Dolan defeated Angel Aviles in 10 rounds. The Mexican was an easy prey for Joey. Dolan received a slight cut over his left eye. The decision was unanimous and everyone was happy. Aviles was bruised badly.

The preliminaries were all rematches with the exception of the opener. In the eight-round semifinal, Carl Robeson and Skinny Roberts, two Negro welterweights, were tossed out of the ring and their entire purses were held up. It was called "no contest." Chris Gregory must be wondering what a guy must do to win a decision in Spokane. He out-fought, out-gamed and out-punched Freddie Steele in seven rounds of an eight-round rematch, only to receive a draw for his efforts. In the curtain-raiser, Fran Porter again proved he's ready for better opponents when he put Pete Harris to sleep before the first round was half over.

There is a great need for a change in the Boxing Commission set-up here. Doc Hannon has been the secretary since 1934 and he still hasn't learned how to treat boxers and handlers with respect. For all his 12 years he hasn't done much to advance the sport as anyone can see.

Amateur Notes—Wayne Wilder, stout-hearted Irish youngster who carries a green shamrock on his shoulder, went over to Idaho to give Bob Streeter, local pride, a thorough boxing lesson, only to receive a draw for his efforts. Watch for this kid to make good.

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Gyms Along the Walk

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"Cabey" Lewis, Pat Scanlon, Bert Lytell, Coolidge Miller, and Jimmy McDonough.

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SITUATED throughout the city are many other training centers. In Queens there is the Red Leaf Gym on Corona, and Dick Vick's gym in Jamaica, all popular hangouts for the local fight fans.

Back in the Borough of Bridges at the foot of the Williamsburgh is Lippe Breitbart's quarters, reopened after being shut down during the war years. Jack Barro was the original owner of the gym, and many great armory fighters and neighborhood topnotchers from the Williamsburgh and Greenpoint sections got their start there. Jack quit to go into defense work. Breitbart hopes to rebuild the gym and bring it back among the leaders in neighborhood gymnasiums.

The Trinity Club set smack in the midst of the decorous Borough Hall business section is one of the oldest established amateur clubs in New York. Trinity for many years has had some of the best track and field teams, handball squads, and basketball clubs in Gotham. In the main they catered to the medal chasers, but in recent years a goodly number of professional pugilists have invaded the Trinity Club.

Cross the bridge to the CYO Gym on Seventeenth Street and Eighth Avenue, and one can see Al Weill's menage of top-flight fighters going through their paces daily. Marty Servo trained for his titular tilt with Red Cochrane there. Danny Kapilow and Tony Marteliano also condition themselves at the Catholic Youth Organization Gym.

Back again at Jacobs' Beach and the same familiar characters are still basking in the sunshine, making matches, arguing, and cutting up old touches. There's hardly a spot in the world to match the concrete "surf" on New York's Forty-Ninth Street for its color and laughs, but the "branch offices" described in the foregoing also contribute more than their share of fistic legend and lore.

Do You Remember?

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Jack, "is such a favorite over my old Willie!" A clever ring general, Hurley strategically planned the entire fight. For days they secretly rehearsed.

"Hurley instructed me to throw a left, cross with a right, and in case I missed these, I would be in position to toss another left," Petrolle recalled. "I had Jimmy licked from the opening gong."

Lick him Petrolle did. The Fargo Express thundered out of his corner at the start with a full head of steam and took McLarnin and his adherents by surprise as he carried the fight to Jimmy. Before the round was half over, Petrolle had opened a cut in the corner of McLarnin's left eye. Jimmy was stung and swung back and the 13,000 spectators were treated to a sight of savage slugging, the likes of which they would never see again, as Billy and Jimmy smacked each other with tremendous punches. It was said that McLarnin hurt his powerful right mitt in the third.

Nevertheless in the fourth round, the dramatic point of the bout was reached. Petrolle, still forcing the fighting, suddenly shot a beautifully measured left to the jaw of McLarnin. Jimmy went down in a scramble, landing flat on his back, and although terribly hurt and shaken, had the good sense to take a count of nine. After he arose, he was dropped again. Shaky, he stumbled around as the eager Petrolle pursued him, winging wallops from all angles in an attempt to apply the finisher. McLarnin electrified the crowd by suddenly switching his tactics and slugging it out with Petrolle, actually finishing the stronger of the two as the bell sounded ending the hectic round.

The excitement of this round had the crowd limp, and one spectator fell to the floor in a faint. A few seconds later he was pronounced dead.

Although McLarnin tried to stand off and outbox Petrolle, the lovable underdog kept charging forward, belting McLarnin all over the ring. The right side of McLarnin's face was puffed and bloated beyond recognition, and at the end of the eighth round, Referee Patsy Haley wanted to stop it, but Jimmy pleaded and was allowed to continue to take a trouncing; the worst of his colorful career.

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ON top of the fistic heap once more, Petrolle's dreams of a title shot were rudely shattered by his Nemesis, Henry Tuttle, the sawed-off King Tut from Minneapolis. Just twenty seconds after he squared off against Tut in St. Paul, before a record crowd, a right to the chin caught Billy cold. He grabbed and held desperately but Tut wrestled him off and fired a barrage of rights and lefts that sent him to his haunches in which position Petrolle was counted out.

Although he flattened King Tut in a return match in New York three weeks later, Petrolle, despite brilliant kayoes over Battling Battalino, Billy Townsend, and Justo Suarez, was just about through. Interspersed were two lickings at the hands of Jimmy McLarnin.

Finally the crack at a world title for which he had bled and struggled for ten tough years of ring competition came to Billy Petrolle on November 4, 1932. The quest proved futile as Petrolle, trained down to 134½ pounds, seemed to be his usual durable self, but could not cope with Tony Canzoneri, who was in rare form, boxing at his unbeatable brilliant best. Tony retained the crown, winning ten of the fifteen rounds.

Billy was then trounced by a young, up and coming Chicago lightweight named Barney Ross in his first fight in 1933. Petrolle bounced back to flatten Bep Van Klevеren, Stanislaus Loayza and whip Sammy Fuller. The Fargo Express had just one good fight left, it seemed, and he fought it against Barney Ross. This was the match which changed the entire complexion of boxing and made Mike Jacobs, New York's leading ticket broker, the outstanding figure in the boxing world.

The story of how the Madison Square Garden Corporation feuded with the directors of Mrs. William Randolph Hearst's Milk Fund and of how Mike Jacobs stepped in to promote the Ross-Petrolle bout at the Bronx Coliseum is ancient history. Ross, who had been recently crowned lightweight champion of the world, whipped Billy Petrolle after which the Fargo Express coasted to the sidelines to retire permanently.

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TODAY, Billy Petrolle at 40 years of age, is a respected and prosperous business man in Duluth, Minnesota. He has two daughters, Kathleen Annette, 18, who is studying journalism at Marquette University, and Joanne, who is nine years old. Billy is chairman of the board of directors of the Duluth Ornamental Iron & Steel Co., but despite his vaunted title, puts in a full working shift side by side with his laborers. Petrolle is also chairman of the board of the Pioneer National Bank of West Duluth.

News of the Mat World

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won with ease. Previous to his entering the pro ranks, Gotch showed great skill as an amateur.

His victory over Green caused his fame to spread, and on June 16 of the same year he was matched with Dan McLeod, then a widely known mat artist. McLeod had too much experience for the youngster and defeated him. Frank was also defeated by Farmer Burns soon after the McLeod bout. Gotch then pulled up stakes and moved to Klondike, Alaska, where he won five successive contests in 1901.

Upon his return to this country he won many matches and then met the world's champion, Tom Jenkins, on Feb. 22, 1903. The match took place in Cleveland and Gotch was defeated.

After running up a long string of wins he was again matched with Jenkins the following year, and won the title.

Following his acquisition of the title, Frank met and defeated the greatest wrestlers in the world. The few defeats he met were in handicap matches. He took part in over 150 contests.

During his championship days only one man ever threw him. Fred Beell, of Marshfield, Wisconsin, won over Gotch. At New Orleans in 1905 Beell took the first fall in a three fall match. The champion was victorious in the last two falls. In their other meeting Gotch always won with ease.

Frank's greatest triumphs were over Zbyszko in 1910 and Hackenschmidt in 1911.

The champion's wrestling weight was 215 pounds, but during later years he lost weight and tipped the scales at less than 180.

Gotch and James J. Jeffries, former heavyweight boxing king, were intimate friends, and before Jeff lost to Jack Johnson in 1910, the two champions toured the nation, meeting with great receptions everywhere.

After an illness which lasted over a year Frank A. Gotch, retired undefeated champion heavyweight wrestler of the world, died on December 16, 1917, at his home in Humboldt, Iowa.

Montgomery, Fighter of Month

By THE RING EDITOR

THE past month saw considerable activity among name fighters, more so than in several previous weeks. Among those who took part in ring battles were Joe Louis, Billy Conn, Bob Montgomery, Ezzard Charles, Joe Kahut, Steve Belloise, Holman Williams, Marcel Cerdan, Artie Levine, Beau Jack, Bob Montgomery, Allie Stolz, Tony Janiro, Johnny Greco, Ray Robinson, John Thomas, Phil Terranova, and Jackie Paterson. But while the big shots came out for an airing, the fight fans didn't come out in droves as heretofore, judging by the heavy fall in revenue reported by the various promoters throughout the country. There has been a decided drop in attendance with a resulting fall in gate receipts, but it is my opinion that this is not due to any strike on the part of the spectators because of the high prices, but due to the weather conditions and the vacation period.

The fighter of the month was Bob Montgomery, who regained the leading contender's post among the lightweights. Bob, recognized as world title holder by the New York and Pennsylvania Commissions, gave a splendid performance in halting Allie Stolz in Madison Square Garden. His fight ranked best as a thriller and because of his victory, he receives the post of honor in this issue. Ike Williams, the N.B.A. champion, who is eager to meet Bob for the right to wear the world crown, was idle, hence dropped below Montgomery. He and Bob should fight it out for the title.

Jackie Paterson, the world flyweight king, successfully defended his crown by defeating Joe Curran in 15 rounds at Glasgow on July 10, before an estimated 50,000 fans. Paterson is an in and out performer and fights at his best only when the stakes are high.

Paterson weighed 112 pounds to Curran's 109.

Curran was on a bicycle for the first two rounds. In the third the challenger momentarily took to the offensive and landed a solid right that opened a cut over the Scot's left eye. Paterson retaliated near the end of the round by slamming over a right cross that floored Curran for the first knockdown of the fight.

Again in the sixth, Paterson dumped Curran with a left hook for an eight count. Curran had a hard time answering the bell for the seventh.

The next four rounds were typical of the first two with the challenger on a bicycle keeping out of harm's way.

The eleventh was give and take with Paterson having the edge. In the twelfth Curran took the play away from Jackie and scored with heavy body blows but it was his final gesture.

The thirteenth was spectacular with Curran being on the receiving end of a hard right that put him on the canvas for the nine count.

From the thirteenth on it was all Paterson, ever on the offensive in the attempt to land the knockout blow, but the challenger weathered the storm to last the route.

Scribes at the ringside credited Paterson with every round, he won easily.

A number of new faces are listed in the ratings this month in addition to changes in which several of the leading lights were dropped one or more pegs. In the heavyweight division, Tommy Gomez took a big jump. The Tampa, Florida, battler, a world war hero, has been climbing since his return to the fold after his discharge from the army and has demonstrated his ability to cope with the best in his division. He is one of the few former service men who has shown marked improvement over his pre-war fighting.

Billy Conn, because of his exceptionally poor performance in the fight with Louis, has dropped from chief contender to fifth place in the ratings with Bruce Woodcock under him.

Ezzard Charles continues as the leading light-heavyweight contender with Freddie Mills, British champion, behind him. Tommy Yarosz rates third.

Although Rocky Graziano is billed to fight Tony Zale for the middleweight title as we go to press, there can be no doubt that the outstanding challenger for the crown is Jake LaMotta. He rates high above the rest of the field. Although Steve Belloise has been winning easily and has scored many knockouts since his return from the wars, we would like to see him against a few big name fighters. The best of the middleweights pass up LaMotta and Belloise. Steve is now the fourth ranking challenger.

Present indications are that either Steve or LaMotta will be given a chance to box Marcel Cerdan when he comes here in September with Belloise favored because those behind Cerdan fear the worst for the Frenchman if Jake is his opponent. He's too tough, they say, yet they want a world championship bout for him here!

Jose Basora who stopped Mario Ochoa has regained his place among the first ten while Georgie Abrams, because of his recent draw with Mandell, was dropped from the select circle. He doesn't seem to have what he possessed before he entered the service.

In the lightweight division, the most progress was made by Johnny Thomas, California star, who advanced into fourth position. Enrique Bolanos again occupies a seat among the elite. He rates tenth.

Phil Terranova remains the cream of the challengers in the featherweight ranks and is in line for a shot at Willie Pep's crown. He will leave shortly to fight the Cuban champion, Miguel Acevedo, and hopes to get Pep upon his return in a fall match in the Garden. This would be a good bout with which to open the fall season in the House that Tex Built.

Jock Leslie, who has been banging away at the door of the leading contenders for many months, finally has made it. The little fellow who is a good, pleasing battler, has gained the position by his steady climb and continuous victories.

Luis Castillo leads the bantam challengers in which Cliff Curvis and Jimmy Webster gained a spot. Curvis is ranked sixth and Webster is our tenth man.

"THE RING'S" RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending July 10, 1946

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Gus Lesnevich	World's Champion Tony Zale	World's Champion Marty Servo
1—Tami Mauriello	Ezzard Charles	Jake LaMotta	Ray Robinson
2—Joe Wolcott	Freddie Mills	Charley Burley	Beau Jack
3—Elmer Ray	Tommy Yarosz	Rocky Graziano	Tippy Larkin
4—Tommy Gomez	Joe Kahut	Steve Belloise	Johnny Greco
5—Billy Conn	Billy Smith	Marcel Cerdan	Tony Janiro
6—Bruce Woodcock	Bill Fox	Bert Lytell	Danny Kapilow
7—Lee Q. Murray	Archie Moore	Jimmy Edgar	Jimmy Bell
8—Jimmy Bivins	Johnny Colan	Artie Levine	Jackie Wilson
9—Melio Bettina	Billy Grant	Holman Williams	Bernard Docusen
10—Lee Oma	Fitzie Fitzpatrick	Jose Basora	Joe Curcio

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
International Title Vacant	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Jackie Paterson
1—Bob Montgomery (Recognized by N.Y.)	Phil Terranova	Luis Castillo	Rinty Monaghan
2—Ike Williams (N.B.A. Champion)	Jackie Graves	Theo Medina	Bunty Doran
3—Willie Joyce	Carlos Chavez	David Kui Kong Young	Joe Curran
4—Johnny Thomas	Sal Bartolo	Tony Olivera	Alex Murphy
5—Vic Patrick	Nel Tarleton	Benny Goldberg	Seaman Terry Allen
6—Allie Stolz	Oscar Calles	Cliff Curvis	Stumpy Butwell
7—Julio Jiminez	Ray Famechon	Cliff Anderson	Dick O'Sullivan
8—Larry Cisneros	Eddie Miller	Jackie Jurich	Tommy Burney
9—Chester Rico	Miguel Acevedo	Luis Galvani	Hugh Cameron
10—Enrique Bolanos	Jock Leslie	Jimmy Webster	Dado Marino

Here are the leading results of the month in each division:

The heavyweight bouts:

Joe Louis defended his title for the 22nd time by knocking out Billy Conn in the 8th round.

Arturo Godoy knocked out Tony Bouchard, 2. Tommy Gomez belted out Jimmy White, 1. Elmer Ray stopped Verne Esco, 3, and Earle Lowman, 3.

Lee Savold defeated Shamus O'Brien, 10. Jackie Cranford stopped Leon Szymurski, 6. Odell Riley whipped Curtis Sheppard, 10.

Johnny Denson knocked out Al Patterson, 3. Freddie Schott defeated Frankie Poreda, 10. Gene Jones stopped Ben Benware, 2. John Nilsson stopped Tom Reddington, 10.

Jerry McSwain won over Willie Brown, 10. Jim Neville stopped Harry Berntsen, 8. Gunnar Barlund drew with Joe Matisi, 10. Jimmy Bell whipped Bob Jacobs, 4.

Pat Valentino stopped Doug Ellison, 6. Jack Porter, 10. Agostino Guedes outpointed Frankie Zamoris, 8. Charlie Eagle upset Eddie Powell, 10. Tony Bosnich stopped Harold Blackshear, 5. George Fitch drew with Eddie Blunt, 10.

Colion Chaney stopped Sheldon Bell, 9. Bill Petersen beat Buddy Scott, 10. Johnny Haynes knocked out Robin Lee, 2. Joe Foord whipped George Cerosky, 10. Roy Hawkins stopped Bob Nestell, 3.

Jimmy Carollo won over Harold Glassman, 8. Red Cameron knocked out Billy Williams, 2. Reg Andrews outboxed Al Robinson, 8. Charlie Collett whipped Matt Hardy, 10.

Melio Bettina, former Light-heavyweight Champion of the World, defeated Eddie Blunt in 10 rounds. True to its policy of returning servicemen to their rated positions upon their discharge, THE RING replaces Bettina among the first 10 heavyweights of the world.

Pete Louthis beat Lorient Bouchard, 10. Steve Ketchel outpointed Johnny Martin, 8. Rusty Payne knocked out Ray Acosta, 1.

Here are the light-heavyweight contests:

Ezzard Charles knocked out Sheldon Bell, 5. Former champion Anton Christoforides started his comeback by stopping Joe Lynch in 3 rounds. Joe Kahut knocked out Jack Hughes, 3.

Charlie Chaney stopped Harry Gray, 5, and Steve Hostek, 5. Bob Foxworth stopped Jim O'Dowd, 2. Derby Dan upset the winning streak of Al Velez in 6. Fitzie Fitzpatrick and Billy Grant drew in 10. Bernie Reynolds stopped Jim Letty, 2, and Johnny Davis, 2.

Eddie Boden knocked out Johnny Becker, 3, and John Bowden, 1. Sam Baroudi licked St. Paul, 10. Johnny Colan outboxed Erv Sarlin, 6, and Ted Randolph, 10. Jimmy Nelson outpointed Cleve Bailey, 10. Charley Hayes won from Tony Gillo, 8. Frankie Best knocked out Jimmy Reeves, 1.

Tommy Yarosz beat Billy Grant, 6, and Mose Brown, 10. Rusty Payne stopped Francis Ogg, 4. Bobby Jones whipped Nick Manfredo, 4. Kid Wolfe drew with Elton Evans, 6. Onelio Agramonte finished Johnny Kapovich in 5. Howard Bennett iced Joe O'Connell, 5.

Colion Chaney outscored Bob Garner, 10. Jimmy Webb hit the comeback trail with a knockout victory over Jack Pierce in 3 heats. Herbie Katz beat Luther McMillan, 8.

Middleweights fared as follows:

Marcel Cerdan defeated Holman Williams, 10. Bert Lytell whipped Roy Miller, 10. Jake LaMotta was held to a 10 round draw by Jimmy Edgar.

Artie Levine belted out Freddy Flores in 1, and Vic Dellicurti in 10. Georgie Abrams defeated Johnny Lawer, 10, and drew with Jimmy Mandell, George (Wildcat) Henry defeated Deacon Johnny Brown, 10. Roy Miller belted out Eddie Finazzo, 5.

Steve Belloise knocked out Coolidge Miller, 1, Bobby Berger, 2, and Willis Scotty, 1. Coley Welch whipped Stanley (Baby) Sims, 8. Joe Governale defeated Izzy Jannazzo, 10. Mad Anthony Jones outpointed Buddy Rose, 10.

Jose Basora stopped Mario Ochoa in 3 heats. Al Barbour belted out Jimmy Simmons, 1. Oscar Boyd stopped Steve Mamakos, 4. Marvin Bryant outboxed George Slater, 6.

Robert Charron won on a forfeit over Italo Palmarini, 7. Jota Jota Hernandez whipped Rene Sanchez, 10. Al Seidman whipped Cat Robinson, 8. Mike Birskovich beat Charlie Zivic, 8. Cecil Hudson whipped Buddy Farrell, 10. Red Doty beat Roy Williams, 8. Willard Buckless defeated Tony Petro, 10.

Tony Elizondo whipped Clay Rowan, 10. Don Lee defeated Tommy Egan, 10. Al Bernard knocked out Henry Chuckaluck in 2. Bob James took the nod over Gib Jones, 10, and Johnny Lawer, 10. Jackie Gaines knocked out Len Taglia, 1.

Joey Reddick knocked out Berle Lanier, 6. Cecil Hudson whipped Charley Parham, 10. Carmine Casale outboxed Charles McPherson, 10. Louis Rousse defeated Benny Droll, 10. Jerry Fiorello outboxed Al Barbosa, 8, and lost to Art Robinson, 10.

Frankie Anderson knocked out Eddie Turner, 2. Tony Riccio outpointed Danny Martin, 10. Vinnie Vines knocked out Red Doty, 7. Gene Farland outboxed Curtis Lee, 8. Jorge Larsen outboxed Juanito Martin, 10. Wylie Burns defeated Speedy Duval, 6, and stopped Jimmy Young, 4.

Johnny Walker whipped Ossie Harris, 10, and Harris beat Ruben Shank, 10. Joe Bennett licked Buddy Rose, 8.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Ragon Kinney, Hartman, Ark.

Light-heavyweight—Bob Foxworth, St. Louis, Mo.

Middleweight—Johnny Eaton, Detroit, Mich.

Welterweight—Billy Dyer, Savannah, Ga.

Lightweight—Dino Bleta, Canton, O.

Featherweight—Jackie McCoy, California

Bantamweight—Val Valentino, Colorado

Pete Mead decisioned Vince LaSalva, 8, and Jerry Fiorello, 10. Larry Fontana defeated Indian Gomez, 8. Jimmy Hill stopped Solly Zalter, 7. Paul Lewis outboxed Frankie Gimbel, 10. Cleve Bailey won over Carman DeJohn, 8.

Jimmy Moore beat Don Leon, 6. Jimmy Mulligan iced Eddie Steele, 7. Vince Hawkins outpointed Mark Hart, 6. Jimmy Davies drew with Jimmy Stewart, 6. Remo Polideri defeated Benny Flake, 10.

Buddy O'Dell knocked out Otis McGraw, 8. Jake Kilrain beat Johnny Clements, 10. Bert Gilroy defeated Ben Valentine, 8. Tommy Davies stopped Taff Williams, 4. Ronnie MacDonald beat Henry Holt, 8.

Frankie Best whipped Bobby Giles, 8. Ron Cameron beat Ian Ellis, 12. Dal Donway stopped Carlo Prandoini, 3. Col Parker knocked out Larry Martin, 10.

Pete Mead kept winning by stopping Baudelio Valencia, 3. Anton Raadik knocked out Richard Hammond in 2 for his third straight knockout in this country. Anton is showing in Chicago. Tony Elizondo stopped Al Bernard in 9. Ellis Stewart defeated Jimmy Nelson, 10.

The welterweight bouts:

Ray Robinson defeated Norman Rubio, 10. Beau Jack knocked out Sammy Angott, 7. Danny Kapilow knocked out Aaron Perry, 3. Johnny Greco knocked out Joe DiMartino, 7. DiMartino beat Tony Vero, 8. Tony Janiro bested Chuck Taylor, 8.

Sammy Adragna upset Sammy Secreet, 10. Laurie Stevens outboxed Jimmy Ainscough, 10. Lou Flyer stopped former lightweight king Lew Jenkins in 6. Ronnie James defeated Maurice Onezman, 10.

Freddie Archer whipped Ernie Petrone, 10, and Jorge Morelia, 10. George LaRover knocked out Tommy Jessup, 7. Al Costa whipped Billy Tordiglione, 10, and Kenny James, 10. Tony Falco drew with Henry Jordan, 10. Clarence (Cotton) King drew with Kid Filipino, 10, but lost to Johnny Cesario, 10.

Izzy Jannazzo won the nod over Ralph Zannelli, 10. Bernard Docusen won over Buster Tyler, 10, and stopped Leon Haire, 6. Al Mobley whipped Bobby Garcia, 8, and Ernie Copeland, 8. Ted Drew drew with Al Michaud, 8.

Rocco Rossano outscored Jimmy Pierce, 8. Mike Stankovich stopped Johnny Wells, 8. Arthur Danahar whipped Jean Wanes, 10. Frankie Conti stopped Maxie Starr, 2. Roman Alvarez whipped Jorge Morelia, 10. Eddie O'Tash drew with Joe Jennings, 4. Frankie Fernandez outpointed Bobby Yaeger, 10.

Nick Castiglione beat Gene Spencer, 8. Johnny Williams took the nod over Phil Palmer, 8. Eddie Murphy beat Vic Pignataro, 8. Richard Polite stopped Melvin Bartholomew, 8. Harry Preston stopped Dempsey McPhail, 1, and whipped Mike DeCosmo, 6.

Maurice Beauchene and Al Michaud drew in 8. Tommy Rotolo outboxed Eddie Smith, 10, and Chico Barrado, 8. Artie DePietro beat Julian Malavez, 8. Jimmy Sherrer stopped Lincoln Stanley, 10. Frankie Ross defeated Gene Roberts, 8.

Perry Lowe whipped Bobby Zollo, 10. Ralph Calmantti knocked out Ferrell Norris, 1. Andy Faison whipped Frankie Conti, 10. Andy Klinges outboxed Freddie Sammons, 10. Johnny Campbell decisioned Leo Lott, 8.

Bob Evans beat Miguel Rubi, 10. Jimmy Pierce whipped Tony Antognoli, 8. Billy Nixon beat Joe Murphy, 8. Charley Williams outpointed Johnny Potenti, 10. Lenny Mancini defeated Vic Moreno, 8.

Louis Bell defeated Bob Castro, 10. Jackie Cooper whipped Art Brown, 8. Kid Azteca knocked out Babe Zavala, 2. Kid Filipino stopped Enrique Lopez, 4, thrashed Alejandro Vega in 10, and whipped Harry Lane also in 10.

Charley Williams whipped Johnny Lovett. Frankie Vigeant outscored Billy Napper, 8. Mayhew Smith outpointed Bally Carubia, 8. Joe Lucignano whipped Ruby Garcia, 8. Harry Hurst knocked out Billy Napper, 2.

Ray Robinson knocked out Joe Curcio, 2. Otis Graham beat Andy Klinges, 8. Billy Tordiglione beat Jerry Boisvert, 10.

Tommy Burns defeated Clarrie Gordon, 12. Young Lobley defeated Georgie Sands, 12. Jean Walzach stopped Tommy Armour, 4. Andy Faison whipped Ernie Forte, 10.

Kid Azteca stopped Joe Keyes, 4. Jorge Morelia defeated Jimmy Anest, 10. Ray Brown iced O'Neill Bell, 5.

Lightweight results follow:

Bob Montgomery knocked out Allie Stolz in the 18th heat of a title encounter. Patsy Brandino upset Ruby Kessler, 8. Charles (Cabey) Lewis stopped Juste Fontaine in 9 rounds.

Wesley Mouzon whipped Nick Moran, 10. Ray DelGado beat Tommy Monty, 8. Billy Thompson scored over Claude Dennington, 8. Kid Gavilan defeated Jesus Varona, 10. Jetson Arnold defeated Vince Dell 'Orto, 10. Diego Sosa stopped Sojito in 6.

Eddie Lander stopped Willard Coffey, 2. Eddie Hudson knocked out Eddie Marcus, 8. Bill Eddy outpointed Pedro Biesca, 10. Gene Burton beat Willie Russell, 10.

Willard Hogan outscored Ivan Christie, 10. Al Erwin outpointed Lou Bernal, 10. Buddy Garcia whipped Maurice LaChance, 8, and Art Price, 10. Maxie Shapiro whipped Ernie Guisti, 10.

Morris Reif knocked out Chico Barrado, 4. Florient Desmarais knocked out Terry Moore, 2, and beat Jackie Callura, 10. Enrique Bolanos knocked out Jackie Wilson, 7.

Cocky Davis stopped Henry Kid Briere, 4. Vic Grupico defeated Jimmy Joyce, 10. Bobby McQuillar beat Bill Eddy, 10. Eddie Marcus beat Eddie Hudson, 10. Jimmie Corti outboxed Jackie Callura, 8.

Paul Guerrero won over Babe Picazo, 6. Joey Falco beat Manuel Rosa, 10. Joe Celetti stopped Al Lewis, 5. Alf James drew with Proctor Heinold, 10.

Norman See was declared the victor on a foul over Bob Pooler in 3. Paufie Jackson was given the nod over Ham Wiloby, 10. Leon Haire beat Vic Moreno, 8. Leo Mucucci stopped Tommy Wells, 8. Joey Varoff whipped Bobby Cummings, 8. Charlie Celeste knocked out Tony Ferry, 1. Tommy Mills beat Pedro Biesca, 10. Tony Rodriquez stopped Tony Beccera, 9.

Pat Scanlon won from Patsy Brandino via the KO route in 8. Norman See whipped Bob Pooler, 8. Ted Spouster beat Jack Hiles, 12. Billy Strauss stopped Jimmy Alexander, 4.

Here are the featherweight mills:

Danny Webb whipped Humberto Zavala, 10, and stopped Lou Transparenti, 7.

Willie Pep stopped Harold Gibson, 7 (non-title). Jackie Graves outboxed Petey Virgin, 8, won over Aponte Torres, 8. Virgin also lost to Carlos Chavez, 10.

Lorenzo Safora beat Mickey Quack, 10. Simon Vergera was stopped by Miguel Acevedo, in 3. David Kui Kong Young knocked out Mike Belloise in 1 heat.

Blond Tiger defeated Bobbie English, 10, but lost to Spider Armstrong in 10. Tony Costa outscored Walter Cabey Lewis, 10, and Lewis beat Johnny Juliano, 8.

Jock Leslie knocked out Augie Lapara, 5, and Billy Pinti, 10. Tomas Beato drew with Eddie Compo, 8. This was the first bout Compo has failed to win in his career. Beato was later whipped by Joey Iannotti, 6.

Maurice LaChance scored over Mimmie Adragna, 10. Pat Brady defeated Vince Dell 'Orto, 10. Joey Dolan outpointed Angel Aviles, 10. Nick Stato outboxed Billy Alexander, 10, and drew with Harry Jeffra, 8. Sandy Saddler stopped Georgie Cooper, 7.

Masao Suzuki stopped Richard Oshiro, 1. Al Pennino whipped Georgie Knox, 8, and Dom Fiantini, 8. Kayo Morgan trounced Babe Kelly, 6. Juan Leanos outpointed Lorenzo Safora, 10. Leo Mucucci outboxed Midget Mayo, 10. Eddie Compo stopped Ralph LaSalle, 4.

Jimmy Callura outboxed Bobby Richards, 8. Bobby Jackson took the nod from Roscoe Scally, 10. Teddy Peckham stopped Wally Prendergast, 6. Jackie Harris knocked out Jorge Sanchez, 9.

Mario Morales whipped Monolito Garcia, 10. Sammy Medina knocked out Baby Uribe in 9 rounds. Uribe died the following day from injuries received in the bout. Speedy Cabanella whipped Pedro Ramirez, 10.

The bantamweight bouts:

Mickey Francis knocked out Billy Williams, 7, for Australian title. Tiger Rosa drew with Philip Labang, 4. Pee Wee Flores defeated Orlando Fernandez, 10. Frankie Rivera beat Jose Andres, 10. Luis Reyes decisioned Kuko Ortiz, 10.

Jimmy Webster beat Mickey Jones via the K.O. route in 4. Fred Jones whipped Fred Taylor, 6. Cliff Curvis outpointed Eric Powell, 8. Willie Rigby beat Billy Gill in his first pro bout, 6.

Bantamweight Champion Manuel Ortiz knocked out David Kui Kong Young in 7 rounds. Theo Medina was stopped by Bunty Doran due to a cut eye in the sixth round. Until the end Medina was well ahead on points. Because of that, Medina retains his high post in the bantam section as he easily would have won were it not for that cut. Luis Castillo defeated Tony Olivera in 15 rounds.

Flyweights fought as follows:

Johnny Thompson stopped Spider Fuller, 7. Don Hoole beat Jack Phillips, 6. Billy Davies stopped Maldwyn Baker, 7. Alf Hughes defeated Billy Hazelgrove, 12. Joe Curran whipped Jimmy Gill, 10. Stan Rowen stopped Mickey Jones, 5.

Jackie Paterson, World's Flyweight Champion, successfully defended his title by whipping Joe Curran in 15 rounds. Benny Cousins outboxed Frankie Serrano, 10.

Welters Get Their Chance

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nounced that he will donate his entire share of the purse of his title bout with Servo to the Police Athletic Fund. Aside from Joe Louis, no other championship bout participant has boxed for nothing.

In re Servo, too many self-styled fistic experts are beginning to sell the Schenectady, N. Y., lad short in his titular defense against the Harlemite. True, he won his crown from a washed-up Freddie Cochrane and then was almost annihilated by Rocky Graziano, but in all fairness to Marty, he was kayoed by a full-fledged middleweight, a fast-rising fighter, who has starched all but one of his last eight foes.

In scanning Ray's record for 1946 one notes that he has kayoed Dave Clark, Tony Riccio, O'Neill Bell and Cliff Beckett in his first four frays. Of the lot, Riccio is probably the best, and he is nothing more than a good, strong club fighter. Bell had nothing more to recommend him than a win over Fritzie Zivic. His experience was limited to some sixteen pro battles.

Later Sugar defeated Sammy Angott and Izzy Jannazzo. Both veterans went the route, although badly battered. The Servo adherents point out that he had fought these two cagey scrappers when they were younger, stronger and faster, and that he should have stiffened these men. Ray then knocked out Freddie Flores and Freddie Wilson, two men who might fill the bill as his sparmates. And more recently he stopped Joe Curcio in the second round.

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SERVO and Robinson have boxed twice before, and as the welter king declares, opinion was sharply divided. They traveled ten rousing rounds in Philadelphia on September 25, 1941, with Sugar Ray copping a disputed duke. Eight months later on May 28, 1942, the men were rematched to box ten rounds in Madison Square Garden. Servo had enlisted in the Coast Guard and had voluntarily promised 10 per cent of his purse to the Coast Guard Relief Fund. Once more the press, public and officials failed to see eye-to-eye. The official verdict was a split decision with Referee Billy Cavanagh casting his ballot for Servo, while Judges Bill Healey and Tom Curley saw Robinson as the winner.

In their second battle, Marty employed a crouching, bobbing and weaving style and made the usually accurate-punching Robinson miss many times. Servo was penalized one round for a low blow, and this may have cost him the fight.

As this issue goes to press, the fight between Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano with the 160-pound diadem at stake has not been fought. Should Graziano win the crown from Zale, a match between Sugar and the East Sider would be the greatest natural in the history of boxing for men below the rank of heavyweight.

Many experts freely predict that a Graziano-Robinson bout, especially with the middleweight title at stake, would draw the first million-dollar gate for smaller men. However, Marty Servo, defending titleholder among the welters, may have plenty to say about that some three weeks hence.

IN OUR QUESTION BOX

By NAT FLEISCHER

Harvey Gruskin, Springfield, Mass.

Q.—Please tell me who Jackie Paterson defeated for the Flyweight title and if he defended his title. The same for Gus Lesnevich and Tony Zale.

A.—Paterson gained international recognition as world's champ when he K.O.'ed Peter Kane in one round on June 19, 1943, in Scotland. He has not defended the title as yet. Gus Lesnevich beat Tami Mauriello, 15 rounds, Aug. 26, 1941, N.Y.C., to become Billy Conn's successor. Lesnevich made a successful defense of his title three months later against Mauriello. Zale, since establishing himself as 160-pound champ by decisioning Georgie Abrams in 15 rounds, Nov. 28, 1941, N.Y.C., has not defended his title due to serving in the U. S. Navy. He makes his first defense against Rocky Graziano in July at New York City.

Everett Platt, Denver, Colo.

Q.—What has become of Jimmy Doyle since his knockout by Artie Levine?

A.—Doyle is now resting in the mountains and his condition is much improved. He may fight again.

J. Stennett, Ft. Madison, Iowa.

Q.—What was the official time on the one-round knockout scored by the late Al Davis over Bob Montgomery?

A.—Sixty-three seconds of the first.

A Reader, Dayton, Ohio.

Q.—Is the title at stake every time the heavyweight champ fights? Who do you think would win the following fights: Jake LaMotta vs. Rocky Graziano, Graziano vs. Ray Robinson, and Tippy Larkin vs. Marty Servo? Who, besides Max Schmeling, has ever defeated the Brown Bomber?

A.—Yes, except in exhibitions. LaMotta, Robinson. Even. No one in the professional ranks.

Ed. Marlette, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Q.—In what year was Stanley Ketchel shot? Was there more than one Stanley Ketchel?

A.—1910. There was an Upstate N.Y. heavyweight several years back who was stopped in two rounds by Joe Louis in 1937. Subscribe now for a copy of Nat Fleischer's latest book, Stanley Ketchel the Michigan Assassin. It is bound in cloth and will be out in a few weeks. The price is $1.50.

Alan Hartfield, San Francisco, Cal.

Q.—Was there ever a case in New York boxing where the commission was sued by a fighter?

A.—Yes, several, but the most interesting case I recall, was that involving Jimmy Twyford, manager of Packey O'Gatty and the New York Commission. It was one in which Twyford, on behalf of O'Gatty, sued the commission on April 12, 1921, for interfering with the decisions of referees and was brought before Justice MacCrate of the Brooklyn Supreme Court. Twyford was suspended by the commission for three months because of his attacks on the Board's action in overruling the third man in the ring and sought a writ to review the commission's action.

The case was based on a bout between O'Gatty and Roy Moore in which the referee stopped the bout in the third round on the ground that O'Gatty had been fouled. Had the decision stood, the purse of $1250 would have gone to O'Gatty, but the Boxing Commission, at a special meeting, decided that Packey had not been fouled, thus overruling the referee. Walter G. Hooke and Charles White, members of the board, filed affidavits opposing the granting of the writ to Twyford and affirming that they witnessed the fight and saw no foul.

Justice MacCrate, in deciding for the writ, expressed the opinion that "a most dangerous precedent might be established were he to decide that outsiders were to be allowed to interfere with the referee's decision." "Of course," he said, "I do not say it is so in this instance, but it would be safe to assume that those who interfere might have a side bet and might therefore dislike the decision and overrule it. The decision of the referee under our State Commission rules is final and the writ is granted."

Thus the New York Commission learned that it could not legally interfere with its own rules and that the Board could not tamper with the decision of a referee and judges.

We have also had other cases.

E. Sanney, Buffalo, N. Y.

Q.—How does one apply for a manager's license?

A.—File an application with the N. Y. State Boxing Commission, State Bldg., Worth St., New York City.

J. W. Dennison, Washington, D. C.

Q.—How do Marvin Hart and Tommy Burns fit into the list of world heavyweight champions?

A.—Hart, by stopping Jack Root in what was termed an elimination bout to decide the new champ following Jeffries' retirement, did not earn world recognition as champion. However, Tommy Burns, upon beating Hart, was generally acknowledged world's champ. This was 1906. The following year, 1907, when Burns dispensed of Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, another claimant, all doubts were removed as to his right to wear the crown. Burns lost the title to Jack Johnson in 1908.

Martin Eck, New York

Q.—What was the lowest price for a championship bout ringside seat?

A.—$5.00, charged for ringside and box seats at the Benny Leonard-Ritchie Mitchell fight in the old Garden, staged by Ann Morgan for the Devastated France Fund.

Al Stoes, New York

Q.—What time of the day did Louis and Godoy fight?

A.—At night.

Q.—If a fighter doesn't come out for the fifth round, does he lose the fight in fourth or fifth?

A.—That depends. If the bell had sounded for the fifth round, then the KO is recorded as having taken place in the fifth. If between rounds, then as having ended in the fourth.

Q.—Must all title bouts in New York be of fifteen rounds duration?

A.—Yes.

Martin Hesiler, Norfolk, Va.

Q.—Did Georgie Abrams ever hold a championship?

A.—No. He was a strong contender and met Tony Zale for the middleweight title but was defeated.

Art Fleming, San Francisco, Cal.

Q.—Did Gene Tunney floor Dempsey in their Chicago fight?

A.—Yes, in the eighth round.

Frank Chisselworth, Portland, Oregon

Q.—Where did Tom Sharkey and James J. Jeffries fight at the time that Jeffries broke Tom's ribs?

A.—At Coney Island. Jeffries got the decision in 25 rounds. Get a copy of Nat Fleischer's "All Time Ring Record Book" for 1944 and you will have all old-time data handy.

J. Nicholas, Philadelphia, Pa.

Q.—How long did Jim O'Mahoney hold the wrestling championship? What was the date Jim Londos lost the title? Approximately what was the salary of the referee of the Louis-Conn fight? Do you have to be a former boxer in order to be a referee? What is the home address of Rocky Graziano, Jim Londos, Allie Stolz?

A.—About a year and a half. Sorry, we do not keep records on wrestling dates and results. Around $1,000. No. Graziano and Stolz: c/o Stillman's Gym, 8th Ave. and 54th St., N. Y. C. Londos: c/o Bothner's Gym, 8th Ave. and 42nd St., N. Y. C.

Leo Proulx, Lewiston, Me.

Q.—If a referee called a fight even, seven rounds to seven, and one even; one judge called it eight to seven for A, and the other, eight to seven for B, that bout would end in a draw. Now, what I want to know is whether an extra round has to be fought to get a winner or does the promoter have to arrange for another fight between these boys?

A.—The bout ends in a draw and no other bout is necessary, nor do the fighters have to box another round. The agreement for a second bout is wholly up to the boys. If they want to fight again, that is their affair and that of the promoter who could arrange it for them. But there is nothing in the rules of boxing that makes such a bout mandatory.

Additions and Corrections in Ring Record Books

JOE TAMBE
Buffalo Featherweight

1940

Feb. 24—Jimmy Gilligan, Buffalo .....L. 6
—Frankie Rich, Rochester .....W. 4
Mar. 4—Jimmy Gilligan, Buffalo.....L. 6
—Jackie Taylor, Dayton .....K.O. by 2
June 13—Joey Kushner, Syracuse ....K.O. by 1
Nov. 26—Angelo Callura, Buffalo .....K.O. by 2

1943

Aug. 9—Billy Bates, Providence .....K.O. by 6

1946

Jan. 14—Ham Wiloby, Troy, N. Y.....K.O. by 3
Mar. 7—Freddy Hermann, Highland Pk....W. 6
Mar. 20—Paul Midiri, Jamaica .....L. 6
Mar. 28—Tony Moreno, Bayonne .....L. 6
Apr. 6—Davey Allen, Brooklyn .....W. 6
Apr. 30—Pat Brady, Hartford .....K.O. by 4

In 1946 issue make the following:

In record of Joe Albanese—Nov. 12— vs. Eddie Soares—Change K.O. By 4 to K.O. 5.

In record of Eddie Soares—Nov. 12— vs. Joe Albanese—Change K.O. 4 to K.O. By 5.

In record of Eddie Giosa—Nov. 26— vs. Willie Pep—Make place of fight Boston, not Philadelphia.

Correction in 1946 Record Book.

In record of Richard Polite, page 237, in the year 1942, eliminate the following:

Tommy Clark, San Diego, K.O. by 7.

A CORRECTION

In our story on Jack Allen of Vancouver, B. C., it was erroneously stated that he is a good heavyweight, instead of a welterweight.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By DON HAMILL

CONNECTICUT promoters thus far have been graced with good weather as the outdoor season got off in full swing. In nearly every instance capacity houses were treated to bang-up shows. A new club opens up in Hartford at Bulkley Stadium. Promoter Frank Sinatra has Leo P. Bradley and Jimmy Kingsley, listed as matchmakers and intends to put on top-flight shows.

New Haven Arena—Nathan Mann, 186, Hamden, came back from almost certain defeat to stop Johnny Thomas, 189, clever Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Negro, in the seventh. Thomas outboxed and outhit the Hamden veteran in the early rounds, cutting Mann's eye so badly that the fight was nearly stopped in the third. Mann came back strong to close and cut both of the wilting Thomas' eyes. The referee, Lou Bogash, halted the bout as Thomas stumbled to his corner midway in the seventh round. George Fitch, 205, New Haven Negro, knocked out Oscar Goode, 185, Newark, N. J., in the second. Eldredge Eatman, 197, Norwalk Negro, scored a six-round win over Hal Glassman, 188, Philadelphia, Angelo Ambrosano, 126, Philadelphia, decisioned Joey Dell, 129, New Haven, in six. Mickey Williams, 137, New Haven, edged out his hometown rival, Ernie Cabral, 139, southpaw Negro.

Stamford—Mitchell Field—Irish Pat Kitt, 130, New York, turned boxer to outbox Rocky Progano, 131, Stamford, in the eight-round feature. This was their third meeting. Freddy Cappola, 135, Stamford, decisioned veteran Cal Hines, 135, New York, in a sixer. Mickey Santafiero, 151, Stamford, had to be content with a decision over Ralph Mack, 148, New York, in four. George Lafalgio, 135, New York, stopped Danny Sileo, 132½, Stamford, in two. Eddie Collie, 155, New York, won by a kayo over Eddie Russell, 155, in the first of the opener.

Hartford Auditorium—Tony Falco, 144, Middletown, fought eight hard-fought rounds to a draw with Henry Jordan, 147, Philadelphia. George Greytack, 139, Bridgeport, won a disputed decision over Freddie Polowitzer, 135, East Hartford, in a six-rounder. Georgie Wright, 126, New York Negro, and Augie Brett, 130, Hartford, ended up all even at the end of six rounds. Roy Williams, 160, New York Negro, surprised by halting Billy Kowal, 159, Southington, in the first.

Bristol—Muzzy Field—Archie Goodby, 132, Hartford Negro, won over Jimmy McLarnin, 133, New Bedford, Mass., in the eight-round feature of the first show held in this city in several years. Goodby proved just a little too smart for his ever-trying foe. Kenny James, 147, Waterbury Negro, decisioned Bobby Pryor, 146, Springfield Negro, in a cleverly fought six. Earl Roys, 120, Bristol, looked good winning over Roger Bishop, 122, Fitchburg, Mass., in six. Jimmy Bell, 133, New Britain, knocked out Danny Pagano, 135, Middletown, in the second. Jimmy Libson, 158, New Bedford, halted Don Pierson, 156, Middletown, in the second of the opener.

Waterbury Stadium—Dennis Patrick Brady, 130, Bronx, racked up a convincing 10-round decision over Vince Dell 'Orto, 133, Italian veteran. Dell 'Orto was on deck in the ninth round, but his experience saved him from suffering another knockdown or a knockout. Frankie Vigeant, 141, Waterbury, defeated Tony Cerruto, 144, Bantam, without too much trouble in the eight-round semi-final. Ernie Griffin, 177, Hartford, won a decision in a slam-bang sixer over Dula Kovach, 190, Naugatuck. Eddie Ahearne, 153, New York, stopped Jim McGrath, 147, Brooklyn, when the latter sprained his ankle in the second round. Steve Gallen, 132, Waterbury Negro, won over Tony Coma, 133, Hartford, in four.

New London—Ocean Beach Park—Gene Jones, 200, Camden, N. J., Negro, had little difficulty disposing of Vernon (Sailor) Benware, 228, New London, in the second of the eight-round feature. Benware was dropped five times in the bout. Joe Monteiro, 128, Hartford, dropped Joey Schultz, 128, New Britain, in the second and again in the fourth before stopping him. Henry Polowitzer, 132, East Hartford, won over Eddie Reardon, 136, Hartford, in four rounds.

Hartford Auditorium—Tony Falco, 143, Middletown, and Henry Jordon, 146, Philadelphia, battled ten gruelling rounds for their second draw in as many weeks. Ernie Griffin, 179, Florida Negro, now making Hartford his home, met a tartar in Jim O'Dowd, 179, Quebec City, Can., but managed to edge out a close decision. Al Medrano, 131, Los Angeles, had a rough evening winning his-six-rounder over Al Victoria, 134, New York Negro, George Greytack, 139, Bridgeport, won in six from Willie Odom, 139½, New York Negro. Billy Corcoran, 159, Manchester, belted out Dick Ferris, 155, Granby, in one round of the semi-pro opener.

New Haven Arena—Tomas Beato, 125, Panama, came off the floor twice in the first and second rounds to hold Eddie Compo, 125, New Haven, all even at the end of the eighth and final round of their thriller. It was the first pro start that Compo had not won. Frankie Foley, 141, New York, outpointed Dolly King, 143, Springfield Negro, in a six. Charley KO Chaney, 165, Baltimore, belted out Harry Gary, 161, New York, in the second of their six. Chaney is a promising fighter and a terrific puncher.

Norwalk—Crystal Arena—Joe De Martino, 147, Bridgeport, won over Tony Vero, 147, Stamford. Ronnie MacDonald, 157, Edmonton, Can., rose from the deck three times to punch out a thrilling eight-round win over Dick Fuller, 160, Norwalk. Henry Holt, 150, Danbury, won over Georgie Humes, 151, Hartford, in a hard-fought six. Jimmy Rogers, 138, Bridgeport, drew with Freddy Cappola, 135, Stamford, in six. George Marino, 145, Bridgeport, won over Joe Jennings, 142, Norwalk, in four.

Bristol—Muzzy Field—Frankie Ross, 149, Boston, won an eight-round decision over Gene Roberts, 154, New York Negro, in the main event. Earl Roys, 118, Bristol, won over Chuck Kelly, 120, Springfield, in six. George Dunn, 132, classy Hartford Negro, knocked out Henry (Kid) Briere, 132, Putnam, in the third. Johnny Bell, 138, New Britain, decisioned Al Donofrio, 142, Waterbury, in one four, and in another Henry Polowitzer, 130, East Hartford, scored over Ray McArthur, 138, Middletown Negro.

Stamford—Mitchell Field—Joe Bennett, 155, New York, scored an impressive eight-round decision over Buddy Rose, 158, Tampa, Fla. Body blows slowed the busy Rose down to where Bennett was able to win as he pleased. Dennis McCabe, 139, New York, beat Jimmy Green, 148, New York Negro, in a six-rounder. Jimmy Thurman, New York, knocked out Eddie Collie in the second round of their bout. Billy Griffin scored a knockout in two heats over Jackie Robinson.

Manchester—Red Men's Arena—Benny Singleton, 150, Waterbury Negro, won an eight-round decision over Tony Vero, 150, Stamford. George Humes, 152, East Hartford, had too much on the ball for Joe Gans, 160, Willimantic Negro, in the six-round semifinal. Henry Polowitzer, 137, East Hartford, outroughed Freddy Cappola, 138, Stamford, in the other six. In semi-pro bouts: Bill Corcoran, 160, Manchester, won over Young Armstrong, 164, Springfield. Chick Boutcher, 111, Manchester, defeated Tiger Reed, 111, Springfield. Rocky Cappola, 127, Stamford, outpointed Tony Terry, 127, Manchester.

Hartford Auditorium—Harry Jeffra, 127½, Baltimore, returned to Hartford after several years absence to be held to an eight-round draw with Nick Stato, 130½, Springfield Greek, who filled in for Pat Brady. Roy Williams, 156, New York Negro, looked good in belting out Billy Ryan, 156, Boston, in the first round. Johnny Bell, 139, New Britain, won a six-round decision over Henry Polowitzer, 137, Hartford. Honeyboy Villa, 137, New York, knocked out Red Harris, 135, Jersey City.

Norwalk—Crystal Arena—George Fitch, 210, New Haven Negro, and Eddie Blunt, 215, New York Negro, fought a colorless 10-round draw. Both boys were content to feint and hold. Bobby Holt, 142, Danbury, decisioned Auriello Vasquez, 143, Mexico, in six. George Greytack, 135, Bridgeport, knocked out Enrico Vertiz, 135, New York, in the fourth. George Marino, 140, Bridgeport, and Hal Robbins, 142, New York, drew in six. Billy Boyd, 158, New York, took a six-round decision over Billy Fuller, 158, Norwalk.

Norwalk—Crystal Arena—Johnny Greco, 146, Montreal, stopped Joe DeMartino, 147, Bridgeport, in 1:21 of the seventh. DeMartino staggered Greco a few times to carry the first three rounds but after that Greco's body attack began to take its toll and set DeMartino up for the finisher. Bernie Reynolds, 176, Fairfield, knocked Solly Makowitz, 182, Jersey City, out of the ring in the first. Makowitz was unable to make it back in the allotted time so was ruled out. Joe Monteiro, 128, Hartford, beat Lou Daniels, 131, New York in six. George Marino, 142, Bridgeport, looked good winning over Herbie Lockwood, 140, Jersey City, in another six. Jimmy Della, 141, Bridgeport, won the opener from Joe Jennings, 143, Norwalk Negro.

Hartford Auditorium—Al Pennino, 126½, New York, decisioned Dom Fiantini, 128, Reading, Pa., in the eight-round feature. Fiantini was the better fighter, but seemed to tire as Pennino kept boring in. Roy Williams, 18-year-old New York Negro, scored his third one-round kayo in as many starts in Hartford by blasting Ellis (Unknown) Morgan, 158, Hartford Negro. Augie Brett, 130, Hartford, was held to a draw by Henry Briere, 128, Putnam, in a tough six-rounder. Sandy MacPherson, 215, New York Negro, was disqualified for butting in the third round of his fight with Ben Benware, 230, New London. Danny Falcone, 117, Manchester, won over Jimmy Stangis, 122, New Britain, and Harvey Brett, 127, Hartford, boxed a draw with Tony Terry, 122, Manchester, in semi-pro bouts.

Manchester—Red Men's Arena—Frankie Vigeant, 141, Waterbury, had little difficulty scoring an eight-round decision over Billy Napper, 143, Boston Negro. Napper was content to hold and let Vigeant do all the forcing. Joe Monteiro, 129, Hartford, knocked out Eden Germaine, 131, Portland, Me., in the second round after having had him on the deck in the opening heat. Doc Blanchard, 126, Boston, won by a T.K.O. when Joey Schultz, 128, New Britain, was unable to answer the bell for the fifth round. Connie Ottes, 129, West Springfield, stopped Nick DeVanno, 124, Norwich, in the third round. Kenny Adams, 118, Norwich, defeated Graham Holmes, 116, Manchester, in the semi-pro opener.

Mickey Santafiero, 150-pounder from Stamford, has been one of the best-looking prospects in this state for some time. He never boxed amateur or semi-pro (as they are called here), nor did he ever fight a four-rounder. Still this boy went through twelve bouts with more experienced opponents without a defeat. In his most recent bout he was accidentally thumbed. Mickey has lost the sight of his left eye and so a promising fight career is brought to an abrupt end.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There are no more copies of "The Boston Strong Boy," the story of John L. Sullivan, to be had. All have been sold. Do not send for this book.

HEARD AND SEEN IN MICHIGAN
By MICKEY McINTIRE

THE ancient Scotchman Monteith got going at the U. of D. Stadium and was very successful with his first promotion, which featured Jake LaMotta and Jimmy Edgar. LaMotta, greatest drawing card to show in Detroit in years, turned in another great effort, but at the finish was rewarded with only a draw. Edgar had lost to LaMotta twice before, but this time showed improvement in gaining a draw.

Two former East Side star boxers are making the matches at Mack Park and so far have done nicely. Patsy Urso and Billy Marrone are at the helm of this outdoor club, and the public is being given good fights.

Their first show featured Charley Hayes, just returned from the service, and Tony Gillo of New Haven, Conn. Hayes, too good a boxer, won handily.

The next time out Tony Ancona won the decision over the fighting bus driver, Art Price. Price, recently returned from a Cincinnati bout with Billy Russell, gave Ancona the toughest kind of go.

Bobby McIntire, Detroit welter, is in Eastern Canada for a series of fights. Tommy Cussans, Flint, presented a card on June 14. Bill Eddy, state lightweight champion, beat Pedro Biesca, New York.

Billy Eddy, Detroit, lost to Bobby McQuillar, Port Huron, in a very tame bout for the state title held at Detroit.

Gene Boland, Detroit welterweight, shaded Johnny Ryan, Detroit, in a fast moving bout with the hard hitting of young Boland and experience of Ryan making it so close that the fans, as well as the judges, were divided in their opinion in awarding the nod to Boland.

AT THE CENTURY A.C. OF BALTIMORE
By DAVE KREUTER

HOWARD BENNETT and Irish Joe O'Connell put up what is known as a pier 6 brawl in their ten-round scheduled bout at the Century Club's Coliseum on July 10. It was a bout in which everything went, including the rule book, which was thrown out the window, and Joe O'Connell, who went to the canvas four times during the fight, three times by virtue of low blows and the fourth time by a right to the jaw in the fifth stanza, only this time it was for good.

The fans were expecting this type of match and they certainly got their money's worth. They came out fighting mad at the first bell and they kept up this high-flying pace until Bennett, who weighed in at 167, landed his first blow below the belt in the second heat. He landed another low blow in the fourth and again in the fifth, which led to O'Connell's, who was four pounds the heavier of the two, ultimate defeat.

O'Connell roughed its continually and when he emerged from the floor after being counted out, his trainers had to hold him back. Both were local favorites.

Other results of the evening were: In sixes: Leo Matriciani, 203½, won by a T.K.O. over Leo Stoll, 190, and Al Cortez, 159, sent Nick Manfredo, 164, down for the count in the third round.

In fours: George Neubeck won from Edgar Poe, Al Edwards took Eddie Roberts into camp and Little Rup bested Charlie Madison.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

THERE was somewhat of a letdown in California boxing during the past month. Vacation time, warm weather, the Louis-Conn fiasco, etc., may have something to do with it, but it is my opinion that it was mostly because of the weak competition imported for our local favorites. Enrique Bolanos and John Thomas, two of Los Angeles' best drawing cards, usually sell out the Olympic, but neither did so against Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson and Maxie Shapiro, eastern has-been's.

Name fighters who still have something besides their names, can draw well out here, but I do not believe the "washed up" former stars will attract any big gates. People are sobering up from their spending spree and will, hereafter, be demanding value for their money. If boxing is to lose many of its patrons during these prosperous times, it will be mighty hard to win them back to the sport during the lean years.

Shapiro, Wilson, Petey Virgin and Tiny Lee were four boxers imported to appear in Los Angeles' last four shows. What did their performances do for the game out here? I dare say that they were instrumental in causing many fans to turn from boxing to midget auto racing, softball or other night sports. Here is hoping the local promoters get back to the program they used in building up the game so well, viz.—using local talent in most all main-events; develop and graduate the preliminary boxers; promote local "naturals."

The Fitzie Fitzpatrick-Joe Kahut rematch at the Los Angeles Olympic topped the interest of the month's fights, but it fell short of expectations. There was some bruising milling, but only in spurts, there was little sustained action. And the battlers couldn't have missed more punches if they had been hitting at the invisible man. However, the crowd enjoyed the lost motion, being tense with anticipation of what would happen if the blows exploded on the chin, for, there was TNT wrapped up in every one of those leather pellets.

They started cautiously and there was little battling in the early rounds. Kahut received a cut over his right eye in the opening heat. Fitzie landed a few solid blows to have a shade at the end of the third. The fight really got under way in the fourth. Kahut rocked Fitzie back on his heels numerous times with right uppercuts, and opened a cut over the Virginian's left eye. Fitzpatrick receipted for that bad session by staggering Joe with a hard right in the fifth and pounding him for the rest of the round.

Fitzie turned boxer in the final two rounds to clearly outpoint Kahut in both frames, which added up to a win on our score-card. However, it was very close, the two judges disagreed and Referee Abe Roth declared it a draw. Fitzpatrick weighed 170, Kahut 180.

In the six-round semi, Harry Wills, 180, South Bend (Ind.) Negro, punched out a decision over Dave Johnston, 195, Portland, Ore.

In the four round special, Babe Edwards, 179, Los Angeles, had the better of Freddie Beshore, 191, Boston, in a bruising setto which was declared a draw. In remaining bouts, Ace Haynesworth, 175, stopped Bob Hawkins, 170, in the first round; Bernardo Ramirez, 132, decisioned Mario Trigo, 131, in four; Ramon Alva, 130, bested Ruperto Garcia, 130, in four.

Tommy Garland, 184, Culver City, experienced little difficulty in scoring a sixth round kayo over Ira Hughes, 178, San Francisco Negro, in a scheduled 10-rounder at Ocean Park Arena. Garland floored his outclassed foe for long counts in the third and fifth, as well as sixth.

Other results: Georgie Fields, 152, decisioned Chuck Railey, 149, in four-round semi; Al Bradford, 127, KO'ed Frankie Reposa, 128, in the second; Ray Thomas, 153, won from Jay Wall, 154, in four; Bob Root, 137, bested Tony Jackson, 138, in four; a bout between Roy Taylor, 176, and Nate Gibson, 169, was halted and declared "no contest" in the second round.

The Lees have it! The Nebraska Lees, that is. There are four of them, pugilistically speaking, and from Glen—who was a contender for the middleweight title—to Billy, still in the amateur ranks, they are about as tough and courageous as fighters come. It is of Don, the current pride of the Lambasting Lees, that I now sing. After being ridiculously outclassed by Fritzie Zivic—who seldom won during the past year—Lee came back to trounce Tommy Egan, one of the Coast's best.

Egan, square-jawed, hard-hitting Irishman of San Francisco, was a 2-to-1 to defeat Lee in their 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium, but Don's indomitable spirit brought him in the winner. Lee carried the fight to his highly regarded foe and scored most of his points with a two-fisted attack to the body. Far behind at end of seventh, Egan rallied in late rounds, but he was still in second place at the finish and the decision to Lee was unanimous.

In fairness to Egan, the claims of his handlers that Tommy injured his right hand in the second round, must be accepted as a legitimate excuse for his poor showing. The 'Frisco fighter wasn't as aggressive as usual and he rarely used his right, the paw that punched out most of his 30-odd victories. Each weighed 150.

The real excitement of the evening was furnished by two club-fighting Negroes in the six-round semi. It was a hammer-and-tongs affair in which Johnny Eaton, 156, Detroit, bested Al Callahan, 161, San Bernardino. Eaton decked Callahan three times in the first canto and was credited with every round, but Al was in there punching back at the finish.

In remaining prelims, Bernardo Ramirez, 131, decisioned Ruperto Garcia, 130, in four; Jesse Hall, 180, whipped Austin O'Jibway, 209, in four; Dario Barron, 135, stopped Frankie Martinez, 134, in two; Richie Mendoza, 130, iced Irwin Cape, 127, in the second round.

In Promoter Johnny Erjavec's second offering to Santa Barbara fans, Chief Crazy Horse, 146, Pasadena, decisioned Johnny Ramirez, 145, Los Angeles, in an interesting six-rounder.

In the supporting four bouts, all four-rounders, Johnny Martinez, 126, Los Angeles, defeated Tony (Mickey Mouse) Ramirez, 118, Santa Barbara; Porky Moreno, 118, Santa Barbara, drew with Chu Chu Cuate, 118, El Paso; Johnny Meyer, 158, Los Angeles, decisioned Jimmy Knox, 161, Los Angeles; Frankie Calzada, 161, beat Carmen Fredricks, 175, Cleveland.

Maybe we Californians are the "hicks" that most of the eastern fight mob consider us to be. We brought Maxie Shapiro of New York out here to meet John Thomas in a ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. Yeah, ten long, agonizing rounds, at least for us chroniclers, there to report the thing. Many of the customers went home before the finish. Why Shapiro for Thomas? The clever Negro is good enough for the best. And he makes a good fight with anyone who will stand up and fight back.

Shapiro stood up just long enough to shake hands, then bobbed and weaved down around John's knees. Shapiro rarely punched, and when he did he was truly a Slapsie Maxie, for, his cuffing is the type of hitting painful only to the fans. Thomas won every round, but Shapiro is the style of fighter (see, I'm broad-minded) to make John look bad, and did. Thomas weighed 138, Shapiro 133.

And now for the fight of the night! It was the semi-windup between Jackie McCoy, 126, baby-faced Irishman of Los Angeles, and Earl Maynard, 128, Blond Bomber of Alhambra. Maynard smacked McCoy down so definitely in the second round that it appeared to be all over, but Jackie came up off the floor at the count of nine to drop Earl for a short count and pound him around the ring for the balance of the round. The action had 9000 fans on their feet, cheering like mad.

Although stubbornly contested, McCoy copped the remaining three rounds and won by a TKO when the bout was halted and awarded to Jackie at the end of the fifth. When leaving the ring, McCoy was accorded one of the greatest ovations ever given a boxer at the Olympic. He also received the popularity prize—a gold wrist watch.

In the prelims: Roy Taylor, 177, stopped Shorty Morgan, 170, in the third; Bob Owens, 182, TKO'ed Bob Taylor, 176, in the first; Mario Trigo, 131, beat Kenny Hilton, 133, in four; Bob Lee, 159, and Jimmy Knox, 160, bumped heads in the first round, causing cuts that necessitated the bout being stopped and declared a draw.

Dave Hernandez, 125, Los Angeles, upset the dope bucket in winning a 10-round decision over Mickey Quack, 120, Pittsburgh, at the Ocean Park Arena. Quack, usually an alert, cagey boxer, was listless and dull. The Mexican boy is a hard hitter, so, Mickey's slogan should have been "Since a duck will always quack when danger is near, a Quack will always duck." Hernandez hurt the Pittsburgh cutie on numerous occasions and was credited with seven of the rounds.

Other results: Julio Franco, 139, and Al Gonzales, 141, drew in the semi, (four); Tony Jackson, 137, decisioned Teddy Guerrero, 139, (four); Ray Thomas, 151, whipped Ozzie Lewis, 148, (four); Louis Simon, 149, nodded Benny Dodrill, 145, (four); Mexican Bud Taylor, 121, KO'ed Sid Hitchens, 123, (two).

If one of my fighters defeated Eddie Marcus, there would be no rematch. Eddie Hudson, San Francisco Negro, stopped Marcus in eight heats at the San Diego Coliseum. There was some question over the result (this writer was not sent the newspaper report on it), so, they were rematched on the following week. In the return go, Marcus gave Hudson a lacing, just as he had to Richie Lemos, Al Lust and Matt Oglesby, who had previously won over him.

Marcus dropped Hudson to his knees with a hard right to the jaw in the third and took a lot of fight out of him before the round ended. Hudson wasn't far behind at the end of the seventh, but Marcus outpunched the Negro clouter in the final three rounds to win going away. Marcus weighed 135, Hudson 134.

In supporting bouts, J. D. Spencer KO'ed Benny Dodrill in two rounds. (The Negro middleweight was much too good and much too big for the tow-headed welterweight.) Jose Silva decisioned Reto Arce; Irving Steen nodded Baby Face Mathis; Benny Cordova disposed of Manuel Silva in the third.

Fabela Chavez, who is to the Mexican youths of Los Angeles, what Frank Sinatra is to the bobby-soxers of Brooklyn, made his big time fistic debut at the Hollywood Stadium and did all right. Chavez figured to win over Freddie Taylor, but the Colorado gamester also figured to make Fabela's chore a tough one, and he did. In fact, before it was over, Chavez might have been wondering if his "advisory board" (Parnassus, Eisen & Villaflor) hadn't picked one a bit too tough.

Chavez punched his foe at will in the early rounds, but started tiring badly in the sixth, with the rugged Coloradoan still tearing in. Fabela must have felt quite relieved to see the referee concerned over Taylor's bleeding eye in the seventh, for, the baby-faced Mexican had become arm weary. Two solid rights to Freddie's cut eye in the eighth prompted Referee Bill Kershner to have the doctor take a peek at the wound, which of course, meant the bout being stopped and awarded to Chavez by TKO. Chavez weighed 129, Taylor 130.

In the semi, Raul Bustamante, 132, Mexico, and Sammy Anders, 133, Texas Negro, slugged six rounds to a draw.

In remaining bouts, Gene Loughridge, 146, defeated Alex Childs, 151, in four; Spencer Coleman, 154, chilled Chuck Railey, 150, in two; Johnny Meyer, 156, and Georgie Fields, 153, drew in four; Darnell Carter, 130, dumped Armando Fontes, 133, in the opening round.

Johnny Martinez, 126, Los Angeles, chalked up his third straight victory in the Santa Barbara ring when he decisioned Len Marquez, 126, Los Angeles, in a six-rounder at the Mission Arena. Martinez rallied in the final two rounds to overcome Marquez' early lead.

Other results: Shorty Padilla, 167, Santa Barbara, and Tiger Kingsland, 168, Redondo, battled four tough rounds to a draw; Tony Ramirez, 118, Santa Barbara, beat Chu Chu Cuate, 118, El Paso, in four; Billy De la Torre, 148, Santa Barbara, whipped Manuel Villa, 157, Los Angeles, in four; Erwin Cape, 127, Los Angeles, iced Sid Hitchens, 125, in the first round.

It is no great feat to whip the ageing Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson these days, but it was the manner in which Enrique Bolanos did it that made the Mexico City ex-bellhop look so impressive. Bolanos had many physical advantages on Wilson, and what he did was expected, yet, his masterly performance rates praise.

Bolanos was credited with every round fought and had the Negro veteran in a groggy condition much of the time, but Wilson proved rather tough and thoroughly game, as well as cagey when in trouble. Jackie kept a couple of the rounds close by the use of a left jab, the weapon that had won him an N.B.A. featherweight title. A left and right to the jaw ended it in the seventh. The Pittsburgher regained his feet at the count of nine, but was in no condition to continue and Referee Bill Kershner called it quits. Bolanos came in at 134, Wilson 131.

In the six-round semi, the poorest one staged at the Olympic in many months, Julio Franco, 139, decisioned Dub Bowen, 136. Neither rated the spot.

Roy Taylor, 176, and Acey Haynesworth, 175, both Negroes and of semi-windup ability, put on a Pier 6 brawl in the special four-rounder. Taylor spilled Acey three times in the opening canto, but Haynesworth came back to drop Roy in the second and almost hold his own to the finish. First one, then the other was on Dizzy Street. Taylor got the duke.

Henry Rich, 161, won by TKO over Tiger Kingsland, 168, in the third; Frisco James, 179, stopped a very fat Larry Martin, 187, in three; Charles Cureton, 135, decisioned Sal Sanchez, 132, in four.

Ben Evans, 145, Oklahoma champion, decisioned Miguel Rubi, 148, Mexico, in a 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Evans chalked up his win by superior infighting in the late rounds.

In the four-round semi, Richie Mendoza, 129, Santa Monica's colorful little scrapper, and Mario Trigo, 131, San Antonio, punched it out to a draw.

In other bouts: Babe Hernandez, 125, stopped Tony Raft, 129, in two; Charles Cureton, 137, decisioned Ishmael Haanefan, 138, in four; Mexican Bud Taylor, 117, TKO'ed Tony Garcia, 120, in three; Ray Thomas, 151, and Del Compo Provost, 147, drew in four.

California may not always be the playground for foul fighters. One of the kin, Jimmy Joyce, carried it too far in his brawl with Victor Grupico at the Hollywood Stadium. Referee Charley Randolph recommended that Joyce be fined $50, while Chief Inspector Willie Ritchie stated the fine should be $500. And that is what I mean. If these foul fighters have Ritchie sufficiently riled up, we will have little of this fouling hereafter.

Joyce held and hit, wrestled, hit after the bell and even resorted to the old pivot punch. But in spite of his roughhouse tactics, the Gary (Ind.) Negro was handed a terrific lacing. Grupico hit him at will and was credited with all ten rounds. Joyce, becoming enraged because of the pasting from the 'Frisco Italian and the boos from the crowd, tried desperately to win by a kayo. In his efforts, Joyce tossed his potent right with the accuracy and timing of a drunken dock walloper. Grupico weighed 138, Joyce 135.

In the semi, Eddie Prince, 136, Detroit Negro, stopped Gene Joyce, 137, Gary (brother of Jimmy), in the fourth. Joyce copped the opening round, but Prince's relentless attack was too much for Gene and the one-sided affair was halted when Joyce was too shot to fight back.

In the four-rounders, Georgie Fields, 152, decisioned Spencer Coleman, 152; Wallace Bates, 143, won over Julio Franco, 137; Bernardo Ramirez, 132, nodded Mario Trigo, 131; Al Bradford, 127, TKO'ed Leonard Marquez, 126, in the fourth round of the opener.

Although he had been leading in four of the five rounds fought, Francis Ogg, 175, Sacramento, was forced to concede victory to Nolan Sharp, 187, Los Angeles Negro, in the sixth of a scheduled ten-rounder at the Long Beach Auditorium. Pain from an injured rib caused Ogg to forfeit the go. A powerful right to the body in the second heat was the forerunner of Sharp's TKO win in the sixth.

In the semi, Frankie (Calzo) Calzada, 161, and Art Santelli, 167, Alhambra, fought four rounds to a draw.

Other results: Wilson Mackey decisioned Johnny Hunt, in four; Bob Taylor stopped Carmen Fredricks in round one; Bobby Root bested Teddy Guerrero in four; Jim Brickman outmauled Rocky Schram.

Jesse Flores, 138, Stockton, kept his undefeated record intact in a clash with Al Robinson, 141, Fresno Negro, but had to climb off the floor twice to do it. And Flores could never come closer to being counted out—without it being done—than he was in this 10-rounder at Fresno. In fact, some of the fans thought that the ref stuttered when about to call "ten."

The echo of the opening bell had barely died away when Robinson shot over a fast right to the jaw to put Flores on the seat of his pants. The Mexican came back to cop the next five heats, but was dumped for a three-count in the eighth, and Robinson punched Jesse around in the ninth. However, Flores swarmed all over the Fresnoan in the final round, causing Al to hang on.

In the semi, Joe Borjon, 127, Stockton, brother of Flores, nodded Baby Santiago, 128, in an interesting six-rounder.

The prelims all ended in a hurry. Eddie Reed, 220, belted out Silent Joe Hill, 195, in two; George Smith, 156, iced Cal Johnson, 161, in the first; Hammo Kazarian, 132, KO'ed Joe Novoa, 142, in the second.

In a hard fought six-rounder at Santa Barbara, Henry Rich, 161, Los Angeles Negro, punched out the decision over Art (Sarkia) Saxell, 167. Rich proved a bit too sharp for the rugged, aggressive Saxell, who has yet to get into proper condition since his return from the East.

In supporting bouts: Frankie Calzada, 160, disposed of Leon Lewis, 158, in the opening round of the semi; George Edwards, 185, decisioned Jack Glover, 202, in four; Hugh Stell, 149, won over Louie Rodriguez, 154, in a four-rounder; Richard Van Zant, 173, chilled Johnny Keary, 174, in the first.

Mostly due to the efforts of Cal Eaton and Babe McCoy, boxing has prospered in Los Angeles during the past few years. In building up the Olympic they gave preliminary boxers opportunities that the local scrappers hadn't been getting in years. When he found it impossible to book "name" fighters or stage "naturals," Matchmaker McCoy made up cards of two and three ten-rounders between the cream of the prelim ranks. Occasionally, he put on six six-rounders, featuring the promising youngsters.

Those shows developed some good main-eventers, and they drew well too, for the fans knew that these youngsters getting an opportunity for prestige would furnish plenty of action. It is well known that California has the best preliminary fights to be seen in this country, and it is these action-packed prelim scraps that keep the fans coming, for many of our main-events in recent months were nothing to encourage the customer to come back.

With so many of the imported "name" fighters proving flops, and the too-cautious or hogging managers making it impossible to stage "naturals," Babe McCoy and Charley McDonald could do worse than stage a few of those "talent" programs. These shows might not attract large gates right at this time, but they would develop talent and make for good will, which would greatly benefit the game in the months and years to come. And that is something that we all should be thinking of at this time.

In following through to the above preamble, there never has been a larger crop of "prospects" than there is at this time. Do I have any in mind? Yes indeed, and I believe that the boss would wish me to take the space to name them. So, here is a list of the most promising local or out-of-state boxers now performing in prelim ranks or at small clubs, who are worthy of better billing. Many of them would make good if given the chance to headline at one of the big clubs.

Max Hutchins, Al Calderon, Jackie McCoy, Bobby Jackson, Harold Dade, Val Valentine, Harry Wills, Frankie Russell, Johnny Eaton, Richie Mendoza, John Donnelly, Arturo Barron, Pee Wee Swingler, Phil Cobos, Sammy Anders, Jimmy Martin, Al Callahan, Mario Trigo, Frisco James, Jeep Anderson, Al Escobar, Gene Loughbridge, Morris Corona, Georgie Fields, Dave Hernandez, Eddie Sangster, Nick Diaz, Jerry McSwain, etc.

In one of the poorest excuses of a main-event that this writer ever sat through (many of the customers didn't), Al Erwin, 131, Minneapolis southpaw, punched his way to an upset win over Lou Bernal, 135, Los Angeles Mexican, at the Ocean Park Arena. The agonizing affair went the ten rounds and the decision was unanimous, in fact, the thing was one-sided.

Referee Tommy Herman called the semi between Dario Barron, 136, and Kenny Hilton, 134, "no contest" in the fourth round, contending that the boxers were not putting forth their best efforts. It had been a listless affair.

Other results: Mario Trigo, 132, whipped Al Bradford, 126, (four); Bob Lee, 156, bested Jimmy Knox, 162, (four); Jimmy Brinkman, 175, iced John Keary, 174, (one); Jesse Humble, 149, decisioned Ray Thomas, 151, (four).

A relentless, two-fisted attack by Max Hutchins, 154, Los Angeles Negro, must have taken all the come-back aspirations out of Billy Beauhuld, 153, New York veteran. The one-sided setto, fought at the San Diego Coliseum, ended in the eighth round with Beauhuld a gory spectacle, bleeding from mouth, nose and two eye cuts. The game Irishman had also been floored in the third and fourth rounds.

Hutchins punched tirelessly from the opening bell, and although Billy fought back courageously, Max had too much power and punch for the former New York star. Beauhuld was credited with only one round by a shade.

In the semi, Joe Mack, 175, San Diego, decked Horace Thompson, 190, Los Angeles Negro, six times to win by TKO in the fourth round.

In three other bouts, Flash Gordon decisioned Ramon Castro in six; Lucio Beltran nodded Jimmy Hart in four; Bill Minor won by TKO over Shandu Haanefan in three.

Shades of P. T. Barnum! We have been hornswoggled! Ringmaster Babe McCoy staged the Johnny Haynes-Tiny Lee imbroglio as the main attraction (instead of as a side-show), minus both sawdust and pink lemonade. Also, Ballyhooer Bill Miller exaggerated Lee's bulk, having the monstrous Minnesotan weighing 270 pounds. Once inside the big top, we discovered that the Tiny one weighed a mere 248. Otherwise, the Battle of the Behemoths was about as expected.

Lee has too much and too little, if you know what I mean. A guy that big should at least be able to punch. Tiny cannot even do that. He clubbed Haynes a bit in the first round and Johnny, who is floored by hard punches, appeared amused at the big Indian's efforts. Haynes parked a couple of wallops on Lee near the end of the round that dizzied and bloodied him. The big hulk of man staggering to his corner reminded many of the customers that the wife was waiting up for them, and they started home.

The big Negro played around with the Minneapolis mastodon for a minute in the second, then exploded a left hook on Lee's jaw that shook him to his Size 13's. John followed through with a terrific right to the body that caused Tiny to grunt and slowly sink to the canvas for the full count. Haynes weighed 225.

In the semi, Frisco James, 179, punched out a six-round decision over Bill McClure, 195, another Minneapolis product. They sure grow them big up there. (Wonder what stymied my growth?) James spilled McClure for a nine-count in the fourth.

In remaining prelims: Acey Haynesworth, 176, stopped Roland Spencer, 175, in the fourth; Jack Glover, 205, belted Bob Owens, 182, out in two; Emery Jackson, 158, defeated Johnny Meyer, 158, in four; Henry Rich, 161, bested Johnny Knox, 163, in four.

The home town boys really had a field day at the expense of the Los Angeles scrappers in the five-bout card staged by Johnny Erjavec at the Mission Arena, in Santa Barbara. In the six-round main event, Shorty Padilla, Santa Barbara middleweight, pounded out a hard earned decision over Bill Kingsland of Redondo. They had previously fought a draw.

Billy Sierra, Santa Barbara welter, iced Levi Board in the first heat. Tony Ramirez, Santa Barbara bantam, disposed of Tony Garcia in the third. Billy De la Torre, Santa Barbara welter, rocked Clarence Dalton to sleep in the second. Bob Lee outpunched Leon Lewis in a four-round slugfest.

The promoters will have to pick 'em a bit tougher if they want Enrique Bolanos to earn his chili and beans, for the flashy Mexican boxer is improving. Bolanos' latest victim was Leon Spencer, Detroit Negro, who was disposed of in the seventh round at the Hollywood Stadium. Bolanos copped every round after the first heat, but Spencer was in there tossing leather and kept it a close and exciting scrap for five rounds.

Enrique slowed the Detroiter down to a walk in the sixth with some well-timed left hooks to the stomach. A cut over the left eye spurred Bolanos on to greater effort in the seventh and he ended it early in this round. A volley of lefts and rights to the head beat Spencer to the floor. Leon arose at the count of nine, but was in no condition to continue and Referee Johnny Indrisano raised Bolanos' arm. Each weighed 133.

In the semi, Jimmy Martin, 172, Glendale, defeated Joe Mack, 172, San Diego, in an interesting six-rounder. Martin won on his infighting.

Other results: Bernardo Ramirez, 132, spilled Al Guitterez, 128, five times to win by TKO in the third; Emery Jackson, 157, and Johnny Meyer, 156, drew in four; Lito Perez, 151, nodded Alonzo Williams, 153, in four; Ramiro Lopez, 130, TKO'ed Joe Prado, 128, in the second. (Some of these preliminary boxers must go with the lease.)

For a round, one round, that is, it appeared that Max Hutchins, Los Angeles Negro middleweight, had a job on his hands, in this scheduled ten-rounder with Joey Ruiz of Mexico, at the San Diego Coliseum. Ruiz had the best of the opening canto by scoring with a few uppercuts and body blows.

But fighting hard is easy work for Hutchins, and when Max sunk a solid left into the Mexican's stomach early in the second heat, it was all over except for the counting-out, which was done in 43 seconds of the round.

In supporting bouts, Tommy Gunns, Colorado light-heavy, decisioned Jimmy Wilson, Los Angeles, in the semi-final, (six); Luis Renteria, Tijuana lightweight, KO'ed Both Valenzuela, (three); Irving Steen, San Diego welter, stopped Pete Rodriguez, (two); Ricardo Rivas, lightweight, decisioned Shandu Haanefan, (four).

FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO

By ED HACKLEY

LITTLE Jimmy McClellan roared on toward fistic heights at the expense of Lou Alter, billed as the Canadian champion. It was Jim's first main event, and he came through in great style, taking every round. The Canadian, coming here with victories over Sandy Saddler and Jock Leslie, was clearly outclassed.

Staggered in the first, second, third and seventh rounds, the Canadian met an even stiffer barrage in the ninth and tenth rounds. So much so that the referee started to stop it in the ninth, and only the pleas of Alter to be permitted to continue induced the official to let the fight go into the final round. The finish found Alter bleeding from the nose and several bad eye cuts.

The semi-final between Larry Ray and Al Diaz was hard-fought throughout, with Diaz getting an unpopular decision. This writer thought that it was a well-earned win. Talmadge Bussey, Detroit lightweight, was awarded the duke over his fellow-townsman, Ed Perry, in six. Alex Arella and Ried put on a slugfest with Ried getting the nod. In the curtain raiser, Clem Custer, novice Detroiter, with only two fights, stopped Joe Fox in two.

Perry Mason scored a win over Ed Kerestes of Mansfield in a six, and Junior Mays, Toledo light-heavy, stopped Slim Johnson of Columbus in one. The main event found Ed Corbetta, Mansfield feather, stopping Joe Nelson of Detroit in the third. Nelson was substituting for McClellan.

Rex Reese is the matchmaker for the Mansfield club and did a good job with his first show, which satisfied a capacity house.

Toledo now has two established main event fighters in McClellan and the clever Ace Miller, with Perry Mason long overdue as a main event performer. Then to brighten the picture several former amateur stars from the district have been released from service. These servicemen form a really good amateur team, capable of meeting any in the country, and can be booked through the writer. Several are scheduled to go pro in the near future. These boys include Bud Carr, Farrell Ried, Jim Johnson, Buddy Mays (winner of the All-India tournament), and Glenn Abrams.

News of any fighters, amateur or pro in the district, can be gotten by contacting the writer at 71 Brand Whitlock, Toledo 2, Ohio.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

TONY BOSNICH, local young heavyweight, won a decision over Wee Willie Williams, veteran Detroit Negro, in ten rounds at the Coliseum Bowl. Weights were Bosnich, 190; Williams, 185.

In a ten rounder, Tony Rodriquez, 135, another local favorite, scored a technical knockout over Chico Caravasal, 135, in six rounds. Rodriquez won handily.

Prelims: Andy Kim, 148, Golden Gloves Champion, turned pro and won a decision over Bob Wilson, 152, in four rounds. Kim, a Chinese, captured the welterweight crown of the recent tournament. Jimmy Hursey, 136, outpointed Bill Gideau, 140, in four.

Luis Castillo, toy bulldog of Mexico, came back to the city where he lost much prestige as well as a decision to Jackie Jurich, and came out a winner this time by scoring a two-round knockout over Gregorio Escolano, newcomer from South-of-the-Border, at the San Jose Civic Auditorium. Weights were, Castillo, 119; Escolano, 118.

Larry Cisneros, highly-touted Los Angeles Mexican, lived up to advance notices when he completely outclassed Frankie Moore, Oakland Negro sensation, to gain a ten-round decision at the Oakland Auditorium. Cisneros scaled 136; Moore, 136½.

In the semi-final, Mickey Gimmell, 146, back in these woods again, outpointed Johnny Campinha, 144, in six fast rounds. Alex Amador, 136, went to a draw with Felix Bueno, 138, in four. Jack Sage, 174, won the decision over Cecil Oliver, 180, in four. Gene Flowers, 188, outscored Al Buesse, 194, in the opener.

Newsboy Millich, popular hometown veteran, went to a freak one-round draw with Doug Ellison, 187, Oakland Negro, in the return main event at Sacramento's L St. Arena.

Jimmy Sherrer, classy Milwaukee Negro, made his Coast debut a huge success by outclassing Top Row Allen, rough-tough Negro, in ten rounds at the National Hall.

Other results: Jimmy Boggs, 163, outpointed Bobby Lee, 165, in four rounds. Johnny O'Neill, 173, a dandy prospect, scored a knockout over Obie Wooten, 165, in one round. Willie Mayberry, 147, won over Bobby Davis, 146, in four rounds of a good bout. Gilbert Gonzales, 135, stopped Gil Mendoza, 132, in two of the curtain raiser.

Pat Valentino, the pride of local fans, looked many times better in his second comeback battle, as he cuffed hard-hitting John Donnelly, Los Angeles crowd-pleaser, to gain a ten-round decision at the Coliseum Bowl. Donnelly weighed 184, Pat 185.

Jimmy Hayden, Eastern Negro, surprised many by stopping Larry Carter, local middleweight, in five rounds of the semi. Hayden weighed 165, Carter scaled 162.

Levi Bryant, 180, won a bruising battle from Joe Hudson, 196, in three rounds. It was a barroom brawl. In the opener, Predo Jiminez, 157, drew with Paul Blanks, 156, in six rounds.

Tony Chavez, San Jose's fistic idol, scored a popular technical knockout over Art Diaz, Mexican crowd-pleaser, in the fifth round of a scheduled ten-heater at San Jose's Civic Auditorium. Chavez, a dandy prospect, outclassed his foe to win handily. Tony weighed 138, Diaz 135.

Chester Slider, Fresno windmill action fighter, was handed a gift twelve-round draw, with California Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles Negro, in a bout labeled for the state welterweight title at the Oakland Auditorium.

Wilson outfought Slider in-close and outboxed him at long range. The champion scaled 145½, Slider 146.

Prelims: George Evans, 165, Oakland Negro middleweight, fought a slugging draw with Leroy Bolden, 168, a Guido Giometti charge, in six rounds. Alex Amador, 138, was held to a surprise draw with Felix Bueno, 137, in four. Vepe Watson, 154, Oakland Negro, halted Roy Slider, 157, Fresno, in three rounds; Oscar Smith, 134, halted Joe Kelly, 140, in the first.

Harold Blackshear, ancient local Negro heavyweight, looked better than in previous starts by scoring a six-round knockout over Leroy Evans, Oakland Negro clouter, at National Hall.

Other results, all fours: Jimmy Boggs, 162, halted Delaware Bradby, 168, in three rounds. Jimmy Simmons, 148, outpointed Bobby Davis, 146, Oakland. Bobby Jones, 148, Oakland, flattened Tommy Lee, San Francisco, in three.

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Johnny Campinha, 140, stopped Jack Barajas, 137, in three rounds of the opener.

Revenge is sweet! So said Tony Rodriquez, up-and-coming young lightweight, after scoring a rematch knockout over Angelo Rogers, San Jose Mexican, in two rounds at the Coliseum Bowl. Rogers, better known as Tony Rodriquez (his real name) in San Jose, copped a decision over his same-named opponent in a previous bout. However, since then the 'Frisco lad has improved plenty and won handily. Weights: Rodriquez, 133½; Rogers, 132.

In the semi-windup, Freddie Silvano, 128½, Honolulu, outpointed Johnny Jurs, 133, in six rounds. Jimmy Hursey, 133, won over Felix Bueno, 137, in four. Alex Amador, 136, defeated Jimmy Luzon, 139, in four. Willie Mayberry, 140, kayoed Tommy Lee, 150, in two. Lee took a bad beating.

Benny Calla, fast-rising Oaklander, won a sensational ten-round decision over Bobby Jackson, Colorado youngster, in a hard fought battle at the Oakland Auditorium. Calla weighed 135, Jackson, 130.

In a supporting ten-rounder, Kenny Watkins, flashy Los Angeles middleweight, won the decision over Georgie Evans, Oakland Negro, in a good bout. The fight turned out to be one-sided, with Watkins, a fast-stepping Negro, jabbing and boxing throughout to win. Evans, a slugger, couldn't tag his foe and was badly outboxed. Weights were Watkins 164, Evans, 165.

Prelims: Johnny Ebarb, 184, Oakland, drew with Johnny Gates, 190, in four. Johnny O'Neill, 170, won by a kayo over Edwin Keller, 180, in three rounds. O'Neill, a dandy prospect, has bowled over all opposition so far; Obie Wooten, 164, outscored Roy Slider, 155, in four of the opener.

Frankie Scaler, local promoter, presented an all-star card at National Hall featuring three eight-rounders. Up-and-coming youngsters were given the chance to fight in a triple main-event show. In the topspot, Jimmy Hayden, 162½, Eastern Negro, won a decision over Paul Blanks, 157½, New Orleans Negro, in a close in-fighting battle.

Louie Bell, newcomer, 150, went to a draw with Charley O'Kelly, 148, in a hard-hitting scrap.

Mickey Gimmell, 145, won the nod from Johnny Campinha, 144, in the first feature. Gimmell boxed his way to an edge. In the opener, Bobby Jones, 148, drew with Willie Mayberry, 145, in four.

Successfully defending his title for the second time in 16 days (which possibly is a record) Manuel Ortiz, bantamweight champion from El Centro, Calif., punched holes through Jackie Jurich, the Rose of San Jose, to score an 11th-round knockout at the Civic Auditorium.

The champ scaled 117½, Jurich 117¼.

In the semi-final which followed the main-go, Pedro Jiminez, 154, won a decision over Dencio Cabanello, 158, Honolulu newcomer, in six rounds. Alex Amador, 136, a consistent winner, punched durable Jimmy Luzon, 138, silly to win the nod. Felix Bueno, 135, outpointed Bob Meredith, 139, in four. Paul Cavagnaro, 198, vastly praised youngster, ran into trouble and was lucky to grab a draw with Ernie McDonald, 208, in four rounds.

Earl Turner, hailed as the Earl of Richmond, battered rough-tough Los Angeles Tony Chavez, veteran Mexican, into submission in the fifth round of a wild, hard-fought battle at the Oakland Auditorium. Weights were, Turner 149, Chavez 152.

Other results: Charley Catos, 156, won over Rand Jackson, 159, Los Angeles Negro, in six rounds of the semi. Al Calderon, 148, outpointed Bobby Jones, 149, in four; Joe Kelly, 147, decisioned Maxie Inkel, 137, in four. Babe Picazo, 140, fought a draw with Boykin Bourgeois, 138, in four.

Frankie Fernandez, newcomer from Honolulu, made a big hit here by scoring an upset over Bobby Yaeger, highly-touted Los Angeles Negro, in winning a ten-round decision at Civic Auditorium under Frankie Scaler's auspices. Fernandez weighed 139, Yaeger 142.

In another ten, Jackie Ryan, local Irish boy, went to a fast draw with Jimmy Brooks, recently discharged Los Angeles Negro. Ryan, weighing 157, is fighting in better style of late. He should be getting better foes in his hometown. Brooks scaled 155.

In the prelims: Eddie Halligan, 158, won over Paul Blanks, 159, in six rounds. Jess Slocum, 170, stopped Edwin Keller, 179, in two rounds.

Short jabs: Possibly you have noticed the many Hawaiian boxers who have fought in the area during the last month, and to the surprise of many, everyone has shown plenty of stuff. Frankie Fernandez, young hard-hitting lightweight, tops the list. Others are: Freddy Silvano, classy featherweight; Dencio Cabanello, rugged middleweight; Gil Lowenstein, likely looking heavyweight; and Jimmy Luzon, rugged little lightweight. . . . On the other hand, the States have sent to Honolulu one of their best bantamweights in Tony Olivera, fiery 'Frisco Portuguese. He scored over Joho Shiroma, but later dropped a close decision to David (Kui Kong) Young, top-notch bantam.

Vic Grupico, San Francisco Italian favorite, slashed his way to victory over Jimmy Joyce, brother of Willie, in ten, at Hollywood. . . . Jess Flore, Stockton crowd-pleaser, remained unbeaten by banging out a rather easy decision over San Jose Tony Chavez, another fast-rising lad, in ten at San Jose. . . . Guido Giometti, Vallejo's most capable manager, has added young Mickey Gimmell, Irish-Indian welter, to his already big stable. . . . Both San Francisco and Oakland fans are red-hot for a bout with Benny Calla and Tony Rodriquez, local lightweights. Also they want Verne Bybee, the Brisbane buzzsaw, and Calla. Also they want to see Pat Valentino and Tony Bosnich, local heavyweights, fight against stiffer opposition. . . . Frankie Gimbel, who should not be mixed with Mickey Gimmell, has been discharged from the service and is back in these woods to pick up where he left off a few years ago. . . . Norman Smiley, well-known fistic manager, will turn his charge, Charley Graves, fast-improving amateur, pro soon. . . . Tony Olivera's young protege, Hamo Kazarian, a lightweight, looks plenty handy with his dukes and should be plenty popular here when he turns pro. . . . Sid Flaherty, popular San Francisco manager, has changed his fighter's name from Young Salvatore to Sal Pereda. Whatever name he fights under the kid is a good battler and fine action fighter. . . . Wayne Sheppard, Golden Gloves amateur star, has turned pro. . . . Buddy Jaklich, Golden Glove winner before the war, will make his first post-war start soon. Sid Flaherty handles this boy. . . . Jimmy Fitten, ex-Mexico matchmaker, has been hired to replace Lee Childs as matchmaker in San Jose. . . . That's about it for this month, readers, but we'll be back again next month.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

By JIM ECHOLS

DANNY KAPILOW, 142, of fighting heart, celebrated his return to fistic warfare in the District by kayoing Washington's Aaron Perry in 1:12 of the third.

This was the first promotional card of the Liberty Club, and it attracted 7125 spectators who paid a gross gate of $26,092.21.

Danny floored Aaron for a nine count in the second with a whistling hook. On arising Perry waded into Kapilow, trying to carry the war to his N. Y. foe, but Danny boxed beautifully, dancing around the District boy. Opening the third, Kapilow connected with a right to the jaw, dumping Perry. Aaron took only a three count and got up to receive a right smash by Danny which sent him toppling to the floor.

Perry scaled 150, Kapilow 142.

In the prelims: Major Jones, 148, Kansas City, scored in a six over Don Lemos, 145, Los Angeles; Smuggy Hursey, 154, Washington, stopped George Williams, 158, Baltimore, in 2:35 of the first; Al Edwards, 190½, Washington, stopped "Red" Jeter, 178½, Washington, in 1:36 of the fourth; Rup Brashears won over Pres Henderson in the opening four.

Before a small crowd, Washington's favorite son of pre-war days returned to ring warfare. It was Georgie Abrams against Jimmy Mandell, the Buffalo trial horse. In this 10 rounder, promoted by the Turner-Menendez combo, George left much to be desired and only in spurts and flashes did he show any of his old-time self.

The bright spot of the card was a 10-round win by Tony Falco, Hartford, over Washington's Jimmy McGriff. This win by Falco avenged a previous draw decision Tony had with McGriff. Tony beautifully outboxed McGriff and set a blistering pace that saw Jim fade in the late rounds.

McGriff was always striving to land a kayo blow but to no avail. The weights in the co-featured 10 rounders were: Abrams 158½ to 163 for Mandell; Falco 142½, McGriff 143.

In a scheduled six, Gene Jones, 199, Philadelphia, stopped Billy Guy, 187, White Plains, in 1:40 of the second.

Two fours completed the show. Buster Smith, 150, Washington, won over Flattop Cummings, 146, Washington. In the opener, George Brooks, 161½, Washington, decisioned Jesse James, 168, Washington.

Beau Jack, former Georgia bootblack, technically knocked out Sammy Angott, Washington, Pa., tonight in the seventh round of a rough and tumble bout at Griffith Stadium.

Angott did not answer the bell for the seventh round of the scheduled ten-round fight. His seconds said he suffered a leg cramp from kidney punches in the fifth and sixth rounds. Angott claimed the blows low, but the referee took no action.

Angott, 31 years old, spotted Jack six years, and this difference began to tell in the fifth after Angott had staged his best rally in the fourth by scoring two knockdowns of one and three counts, respectively.

Jack, who floored Angott for a two-count in the second round, was a wildcat in the fifth and sixth. He had Angott badly beaten when Sammy decided not to continue.

The bout attracted 10,353 spectators, who paid a gross gate of $41,028. Jack weighed 142 and Angott 143.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By IRVING RUDD

NEW YORK fight fans may have their first gander at the mysterious Marcel Cerdan, French middleweight champ, in September or October according to Lew Burston, the head of Mike Jacobs' Foreign Department.

Also headed here is Harry Silver, a good, clubfighting English welterweight. When asked to state if other European fighters may visit our shores shortly, Burston declared that he could issue no statements until he was definitely sure which boxers were coming to America.

However, the English fans are in for a treat, as three of our finest ring representatives will probably show in the British Isles in September or October. Gus Lesnevich may meet either Bruce Woodcock or Freddie Mills, while Willie Pep is slated to box ageless Nel Tarleton.

Britishers will have an opportunity of watching one of the best lightweights in this land if present negotiations jell. N.B.A. lightweight king, Ike Williams, may be signed to box English 135 pound champion, Ronnie James at Cardiff, Wales, in October.

Although boxing is going quite well, both here and abroad, the dearth of talent is still evident as the same old familiar faces keep clambering through the ropes. An influx of new foreign battlers would surely give the local fight setup a shot in the arm, not where gate receipts are concerned, for the Garden and small clubs are drawing good houses, but boxing would benefit from the international angles, the new personalities, and also the interesting bouts that are sure to follow.

One ex-GI told this reporter not to be surprised if some great fighters emerge from unknown Pacific Islands where our servicemen made the natives boxing conscious. The Fiji Islanders especially are clever boxers and unbelievably fast on their feet.

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Ray Arcel, leading trainer of boxers, has opened a restaurant, the Cafe Bagatelle, at 3 East 52nd Street, which is rapidly becoming a headquarters for the fight crowd. . . . Al Singer, former lightweight champ, is a buyer for a Miami dress firm. . . . Larry Esposito, crowd pleasing welter of a decade ago, is a longshoreman on the Brooklyn waterfront. . . . Harold Walsh, of Barberton, Ohio, a former fight manager and one of the first correspondents for THE RING Magazine, made good in a big way recently. . . . Walsh was named president of the Lectromelt Casting Co., a foundry in his hometown employing over 225 people. . . . Georgie Kochan, Tex Sullivan's popular middleweight contender who recently announced his retirement from the ring, is now engaged in the contracting business in his native Detroit. . . . Adam Spencer, big heavyweight, is ready to resume boxing after a hitch in the service.

This reporter in his nightly travels around the small club circuit has seen some mighty poor officiating in recent months. We have observed a referee helping—yes, actually picking up a fallen fighter off the floor and dragging him to his stool when the bell saved him! . . . On another occasion the third man removed the mouthpiece from a fighter's mouth, then continued to count him out! . . . Ninety percent of the officials never attend a show unless they work. . . . Lord knows how many bum decisions are handed out in the prelim bouts because judges and referees confuse the fighters' identities. . . . As for incompetent seconds, dirty towels, and petty Gestapo methods by the corner inspectors. . . . nuf sed!

The Forum Arena, an indoor air-conditioned spot in the Bronx, folded after a few shows. . . . American boxers fought in South Africa for the first time since long before the war. . . . Proctor Heinold, Texas, featherweight, got the worst of it, being held to a "draw" by Alf James, while George Ceroskey, an American heavyweight, was whipped by Joe Foord. . . . The bouts were staged in June.

In the last issue, under the ratings, THE RING carried a note to the effect that Maxie Shapiro had been knocked out by Willie Russell in ten rounds. This was an error. No such fight took place.

Press box palaver . . . Canada Lee, starring in his own production, "On Whitman Avenue," made the first after-curtain speech of his career when he proudly announced that Joe Louis had kayoed Billy Conn. . . . June, the month of brides, also seemed to be the month of championship bouts, as three titular tilts were staged within the thirty day period. . . . Pep-Bartolo, Louis-Conn, and Montgomery-Stolz. . . . The last-named was easily the best of the trio. . . . Bill Corum thought Allie's gameness and cunning in the eleventh round at least equalled Leonard's feat against Tendler. . . . Joey Iannotti and Tomas Aquinto Beato hooked up in the first $3,000 semi-final fracas since before the war under the new Manager's Guild arrangement with Mike Jacobs. . . . Their first fray was a thriller, the second so-so, as both boys respected each other. . . . The authentic, intense dislike for Montgomery which N.B.A. lightweight king, Ike Williams, possesses, was evident as Ike wouldn't shake hands with the Bobcat after being introduced before the fight.

Benny May and Frankie Pucci, two Canadians, have boxed each other eight times, yet not one bout has taken place in their native country. . . . The two featherweight gamecocks steal the show with their flashy fighting . . . the score stands at five for Pucci, three for May. . . . Benny holds one kayo over Frankie. . . . Sam Bolen, the old-time Negro fighter whom we photographed and wrote about in the last issue of THE RING, died on July 1. . . . Marcus (Kid Chicken) Lockman, the crowd pleasing middleweight, fully recovered from a concussion suffered at the hands of Sam Baroudi, has wisely decided to retire from boxing. . . . He will obtain a second's license and open a gym in Pittsfield, Mass.

Here are the fights of the month for New York:

Bob Montgomery, tough, body-banging Philadelphia Negro, retained the New York State version of the world's lightweight title when he kayoed frail Allie Stolz, the doll-faced Newark cutie, in the 13th round, but it was the Jerseyite who won the plaudits of a Madison Square Garden crowd of 10,872 for one of the gamest stands ever staged by a battler who appeared to be all through as early as the fifth round.

Boxing superbly, Stolz had even the case-hardened old-timers comparing him to ring greats of yesteryear as he slipped punches by the hundred with imperceptible twists of his head. Allie, however, lacked the durability and stamina to withstand the onslaughts of the ever aggressive Bobcat.

The challenger took the first heat in grand style as he bounced left hooks and accurate jabs off Bob's face. Montgomery let fly with a straight overhand right as Stolz was moving away in the second stanza and Allie dropped to one knee for a count of two. Bob belabored Allie at close range, a tactic he was to pursue for the remainder of the battle, slowing his man down with vicious body blows.

In the fourth, Stolz' left eye was bruised and in the fifth canto he was dropped to his knees for a count of seven. Allie climbed to his feet and surprised Montgomery by making a grand fight of it; snapping his left skillfully into the Philadelphian's face. The champ lost the sixth heat for two low blows. The most thrilling round was the eleventh. At this point most scribes and Judge Marty Monroe had it all even in rounds, giving Montgomery a big margin on points. As Stolz flicked his left into Bob's face, the Negro found the range and floored Allie for a six count. As he arose and tried to trade pokes with Montgomery, Stolz slumped wearily to the canvas for a two count. Then the crowd to a man hysterically rooted home and cheered Stolz throughout more than two minutes of frenzied efforts on Montgomery's part to finish Allie. Wearily the Jersey cutie climbed on his bike. He stabbed weakly with lefts. Trapped in corners and along the ropes, he had Bob missing with numerous haymakers. He literally stood on a dime and slipped punches by inches.

The dead-game Stolz who, in the past had been accused of being a bit of a geezer, wearily tumbled to his corner at the close of the round. In the twelfth heat Allie was dumped for eight. He tried to keep on the move but Montgomery finally found the range in the 13th and knocked Allie flat on his back where Referee Ruby Goldstein counted him out. The time was 2:54. Joe Agnello was the other judge. The receipts totalled $61,994.

In the semi-final eight, Joey Iannotti, 129½, Bridgeport, Conn., won the decision over Tommy Beato, 122, Dominican Republic, in a return go to reverse a loss suffered three weeks previously.

A sizzling six saw Lou Casiano, 131, Bronx, beat Jackie Floyd, 129½, Philadelphia. Another six staged after the main go resulted in a win for Billy Cooper, 161, Cleveland, when he outpointed Lee Black, 152, New York.

Paddy DeMarco, 136, Brooklyn, defeated Donald Murray, 135¾, New York, in a good four, and Morris Belkin, 129½, New York, nosed out Enrique Vertiz, 131½, Mexico, in the opening four spot.

Boyish-faced Tony Janiro, 145¾, Youngstown, Ohio, star, lived up to the 2 to 1 odds which favored him over Chuck Taylor, 143¾, Coalport, Pa., as he hooked and stabbed his way to a decisive victory over the latter at Madison Square Garden before a crowd of 7,707.

The bout was limited to eight rounds because of Tony's age, but it was just as well for Taylor, for he might have been stiffened had the bout gone any longer. The decision of Referee Ray Miller, working his first main go in the Garden, and Judges Mike Paresi and Tom Guilfoyle was unanimous.

Taylor began to stick Janiro with many left jabs at the beginning of the opening canto, but the Youngstown youngster warmed up in the final minute and shook Taylor with several hard punches.

Janiro began to score with good left hooks to the head to cop the second frame. The third round saw Taylor reach Tony with good looping rights and lefts to the head. Chuck also tossed in an occasional uppercut. Janiro opened up near the end of the stanza, and hurt Taylor with a

two-fisted attack to the face and head.

In the fifth and sixth rounds, Taylor was hurt repeatedly as his teen-age foe hit him consistently with a rapid one-two left hook to the head. Chuck was bleeding from the nose but in the seventh he had Tony's nose slightly reddened as he made a good comeback landing numerous rights to the face. The eighth and final round was all Janiro's as he took the play away from Taylor, staggering him steadily with his sharp counter-punching style.

Joey Carkido, 137¼, Youngstown stablemate of Janiro, had little trouble defeating Johnny Phillips, 139, Paterson, N. J., in a six-round bout. Billy Smith, 138½, southpaw newcomer from Minneapolis, whipped Lou Fortuna, 139½, Philadelphia, and Joe Albina, 161, Jamesburg, N. J., whipped Juan Serrano, 161, Cuba, in two other sixes.

Sammy Schipani, 137, Pittsburgh, was too classy for willing Bobby LaLonde, 139½, Detroit, and stopped him in 1:58 of the sixth and last round after dumping him to the canvas several times.

Al Mazerol, 137¼, Limestone, Me., beat Tony DeSalvo, 138¼, Corona, L. I., and Ben Skelton, 164, Lancaster, Pa., outpointed Abie Hopes, 168, Brooklyn, in the four round bouts.

Artie Levine, Brooklyn middleweight contender, smashed all gate receipt records in the twenty-year history of professional boxing at Fort Hamilton when he knocked out Wilfie Shanks of Montreal in the third round before a crowd of 5700 who contributed to a gate of $9250.

Levine tried for a kayo from the opening gong. He caught up with Shanks in the third, doubling up the Canadian with a hard left hook to the stomach. A right hand wallop to Wilfie's head had him in such bad shape that Referee Al Berl called a halt at 1:31 of the third session. Both boys weighed 160 pounds.

In the semi-windup of six rounds Vic Amato, 162, Brooklyn, defeated Lee Black, 155, West Side, Nick Primiani, 145, Montreal, stopped his home town rival, Patsy Zoccano, 146, when Patsy couldn't come up for the sixth heat because of a cut over his right eye. Sammy Zelman, 127, Detroit, beat Joe Disoso, 127, New Orleans, in a six round bout.

Tony Bertucci, 152, Brooklyn, boxed a draw with Grover Marshall, 155, Newark, N. J., and Bummy DiLoche, 148, Harlem, outpointed Buddy Ladner, 145, New Orleans, in two four round frays.

Jim Neville, 210½, Newark, N. J., unknown stablemate of Jersey Joe Wolcott, impressively bowed in as a local star bout performer when he halted the highly touted Harry Berntsen, 206, Norway, at 1:04 of the eighth and final frame at the Queensboro Arena before a sellout crowd.

A total of 5500 fans paid a gross of $8669 to see Neville, a 1 to 4 underdog, outcute Harry most of the way. Jim drew blood from the blonde youngster's nose early in the second round. Going into the final and fatal stanza, Berntsen, trailing slightly, was cut over the left eye. Referee Mark Conn stopped it after Neville connected twice more on the injured optic and Berntsen's face was a gory mess.

Bernie Reynolds, 175, Gus Lesnevich's protege, added Jimmy Letty, 180, Brooklyn, to his list of victims when he stiffened the latter with a short left and right at 2:25 of the second session. Other slated sixes saw Tony DeSalvo, 140, Corona, L. I., beat Patsy Zoccano, 147, Montreal, and Luther McMillen, 173, Brooklyn, hit too hard for Walter Spiroch, 187, Flushing, L. I., and stopped the latter at 57 seconds of the fourth frame.

In the four round tilts, Joe Gibbs, 149, Brooklyn, defeated Al Mendez, 148¾, Bronx; Tony LaBua, 134½, Ozone Park, L. I., outscored William Dunn, 141, Sunnyside, L. I., and Sid Cohen, 231¼, East Side, belted out Champ Roberts, 208, Port Chester, N. Y., in 1:22 of the third heat.

Matchmaker Johnny Attell finally got started at Dexter Park after being rained out three times and Morris Reif, Brownsville kayo artist, and Freddie Schott, young Paterson heavyweight, scored victories as they shared double windup billings against Chico Barrado and Johnny White respectively.

A crowd of 5000 saw Reif, weighing 135½, knock out Barrado, 136½, from Mexico, with a thumping portside smash to the body at 2:55 of the fourth round. The outcome was never in doubt, but Chico proved troublesome with his tincanning tactics until Reif connected.

Schott, scaling 212, won as he pleased from Johnny White in a dull encounter which was no fault of Freddie's. The Jersey City Negro, who weighed 207, was content to grab and hold all the way.

In the best fight of the night, Jimmy Carollo, 199, Corona, L. I., decisioned game Jesse Lee, 176, New York, in a six spot. Carollo, starting anew under the aegis of his first manager, Harry Mandell, showed good form after his long layoff. He is the boxer over whom much controversy has raged regarding reports that he suffered an intercranial injury in the Marine Corps. Jimmy appeared to be in good shape and took numerous sharp head punches without apparent ill effect.

Three four-round bouts saw George Wright, 121¾, Brooklyn, defeat Billy Gibbons, 124, Paterson, N. J.; Morris Belkin, 130, East Side, win from George Morris, 126, Wilmington, Del., and Marvin Dick, 127, Brooklyn, halt Maurice Auger, 126¼, Montreal, at 2:35 of the second frame.

Jerry Fiorello, 159, Red Hook veteran, broke a losing streak of seven straight when he easily defeated Al Barbosa, 151, Boston, in the eight-round feature at Brooklyn's MacArthur Stadium.

Fiorello dumped Barbosa for a four count with the first left hook he threw, and Al promptly went on the defensive for the remainder of the bout. Jerry jolted Al with a few good rights but couldn't catch up with the Bostonian.

Another Red Hook Italian, Rocco Rossano, 144½, also won handily in an eight with Baby Yucatan, 146¼, Mexico. Rocco rocked the seasoned south of the border scrapper with numerous left jabs and accurate right crosses.

Leo Milito, 128¼, East Side, remained unbeaten as he peppered Charley Noel, 130, Brooklyn, in a third eight.

In fours, Joe Brocato, 134½, kayoed Clifton Bordies, 129½, Bayshore, L. I., in 33 seconds of the second, and Fred Menna, 151¼, Brooklyn, starched Johnny Venezia, 148, Brooklyn, in 2:39 of the second round.

Buddy Garcia, 134½, Galveston, Texas, romped to a unanimous eight round decision over Lefty LaChance, 132, Lisbon, Me., at the Park Arena.

Billy Ryan, 140, New Orleans, won over Al Mazerol, 136¼, Limestone, Me., in the semi-final of six rounds. In two other sixes, Leo LeBron, 123½, Bronx, whipped Wendel Douglas, 117¼, Bronx, and Nathan Bridges, 131¾, Detroit, outpointed Glen Rodriquez, 125, Puerto Rico.

Eli de Loech, 146, East Side, won in four from Artie Davis, 142, Bronx, and Jim Jackson, 154¼, Bronx, kayoed Bob Monez, 151¼, Puerto Rico, in the opening canto.

Eddie Murphy, rangy Bronx lightweight, notched another win in his professional career to bring his string of victories up to 23 out of 24 when he gained an eight-round decision over Vic Pignatoro, 141, New York, at the Croke Park Arena. Murphy weighed 139¼.

Bill Strauss, 139½, Paterson, N. J., outpointed Lou Prince, 131¾, Princeton, N. J., in the six-round semi-final. Other six-round prelims saw Donald Murray, 137¼, New Rochelle, N. Y., flatten Lindy Miller, 134, Brooklyn, in 1:53 of the first heat, and Billy Pinto, 126½, Rome, N. Y., decisioned Sammy Zelman, 128, Montreal.

Danny Webb, Montreal Negro, who scored sensationally in England during the war while overseas with the Canadian Army, bowed in successfully on the New York scene when he got off the floor to eke out a split ten-round decision over tough Humberto Zavala, switch-hitting Mexican, at the Fort Hamilton Arena.

Webb cut Zavala over the left eye in the fifth frame, but in the following stanza, Humberto toppled Danny for a nine count. Referee Jack Appel and Judge Charlie Devlin voted for Webb, and Judge George LeCron cast his ballot for Zavala. Danny scaled 132, spotting his foe four pounds.

Lee Black, 155, West Side, outpointed Nick Melli, 153, Brooklyn, in the six round semi-final. In two other sixes, Hal Robbins, 142, Vancouver, B. C., whipped Jasper O'Hanley, 140, New York, and Billy Herrold, 159, Waco, Texas, kayoed Ralph Dougherty, 161, Newark, N. J., in 43 seconds of the fifth.

Two slated fours failed to go the limit as Regis O'Toole, 170, Pittsburgh, halted Charlie White, 169, New York, and Willie Murphy, 140, New York, stopped Thaddeus Cabey, 139, Brooklyn, in 1:32 of the second round.

Johnny Williams, 140¼, Montgomery, Alabama, Negro, a 4 to 1 underdog, upset the dope, and also Phil Palmer, 143½, highly regarded Vancouver, B. C., battler, when he won an unpopular, split decision before a packed house at the Queensboro Arena.

The scoring was extremely close, with one point settling the outcome! Judge John Potter cast his ballot for Palmer, five rounds to three, Judge Fred Brunelli tabbed it four, three, and one even in favor of Williams. Referee Barney Felix scored it four rounds apiece, but awarded the fight to Williams by one point, five to four!

The battle was closely waged all the way with Williams carrying the fight to the Canadian, but from this corner it appeared that Phil earned a slight edge as he made Johnny miss often.

In a corking eight round semi-final, the more experienced Bally Carubia, 151, Astoria, L. I., overcame an early lead to slow Steve Sabatino, 155½, Brooklyn, with good body punches and took the duke.

Jackie Connelly, 133½, handsome Long Island City Irishman, avenged a kayo defeat at the hands of Lindy Miller, 132½, Brooklyn, when he stopped Coolidge's kid brother in fourteen seconds of the third round of a slated six.

Another six which followed the main go saw George B. Smith, 154, Honolulu, T. H., flatten Baudelio Valencia, 161, Mexico, with a straight right to the chin at 2:27 of round three. Earl Trader, 127, Wilmington, Del., decisioned Danny Carabella, 118½, Bronx, in another six spot.

The opener went to Ray Shaf, 156½, East Side, when he stopped Lacy Murphy, 161¼, West Side, in 57 seconds of the second stanza.

Two more clubs bowed in on the Summer circuit. The Coney Island Velodrome reopened to boxing after a five-year lapse, and a fair crowd turned out to see Artie Levine, Brooklyn middleweight, quickly kayo Freddie Flores of Jamaica, L. I., in 2:21 of the opening canto.

Flores, who once defeated Levine, was no match for his Brooklyn rival, now an outstanding contender. A solid right to Fred's chin dumped him for an eight count and a few seconds later another lethal right ended the fight for Flores.

Jimmy Eagles, Harlem, decisioned Vic Amato, Brooklyn, in the six-round semi-final, although he was dropped for a no count in the first frame. In other slated sixes, Julie Cross, Brooklyn, outscored Nick Melli, also of Brooklyn, and Paul Davis, Jamaica, L. I., finished Jerry Darby, New York, in 2:39 of round one.

Eli de Loech, East Side, knocked out Jimmy McGrath, Brooklyn, in 2:12 of the second round of the opening four-rounder.

Sterling Oval in the Bronx joined the ranks of the Monday night clubs, and Pete Mead, Grand Rapids, Michigan newcomer, scored his most impressive win to date when he took a decisive eight-round verdict in his battle with seasoned Vince LaSalva, Mt. Vernon, before a crowd of 3500. Mead weighed 154¾, LaSalva, 149½.

Ernie Copeland, 149, Bronx, spotted the veteran Irish Johnny Smith of Boston, ten pounds and stopped the battle-scarred Beantowner with a cut over the right eye. Smith was not permitted to come up for the fifth round.

Billy Pinti, 128, Rome, N. Y., knocked out Harold Schwartz, 127¾, Bronx, in 1:39 of the first round of an intended sixer. Willard Hogan, 140½, New York, outpointed Roy Andrews, 133, Lowell, Mass., in another six.

Tony LaBua, 133¾, Bronx Park, L. I., halted Johnny O'Keefe, 129¼, Lowell, Mass., in 1:16 of the second round of the listed four-round curtain raiser.

Middleweight contender Steve Belloise, 159, Bronx, continued to bowl 'em over as he added Coolidge Miller, 160, Brooklyn, to his list of comeback victims, flattening the Negro in 2:43 of the first round of a scheduled eight-rounder at Dexter Park.

Miller succeeded in crowding the ex-sailor against the ropes a couple of times where he mauled Belloise a bit. Steve dropped Miller in midring for an eight count and Coolidge lurched towards the ropes upon arising. A powerful overhand left knocked Miller flat on his back and Referee Jim Crowley counted him out.

The promising Johnny LaRusso, 128½, Bronx, knocked out Zach Taylor, 132, Brooklyn, in 30 seconds of the third round in the slated six-round semi-final. Charley Howard, 133¾, Pittsburgh, outpunched Tony DeRosa, 133¼, Astoria, L. I., in another six to gain the nod.

In the four-rounders, Paul Tine, 148½, New York, won a good fight from Wally DiMaio, 153, Queens Village, L. I.; Marvin Dick, 124¾, Brownsville, whipped Al Byndana, 126, Harlem, and Charley Donovan, 136, East Side, stopped Jimmy Presha, 140, Harlem, in 1:05 of the second round.

Larry Fontana, 160, Bensonhurst, won a unanimous decision over the veteran Indian Gomez, 158½, Cuba, in the featured eight-round bout at the MacArthur Stadium before an estimated crowd of 6000 fans.

The Indian was cut about both eyes as Larry employed a sticking left and an occasional sharp right. Gomez made a good fight of it, taking Fontana's best shots and coming back for more. In the fifth and sixth heats Gomez punished Fontana about the body.

Leo Milito, 127, unbeaten East Side youngster, notched his 30th win by outpointing Georgie Knox, 125¾, Newark, N. J., in the eight-round semi-final. Milito spilled the New Jersey Negro for a nine count in the first frame.

Four four-round bouts rounded out the bill as Jim Hooper, 177, Brooklyn, won from Regis O'Toole, 169½, Pittsburgh; Mickey Zangara, 146½, Bronx, beat Nate Hutchins, 149½, West Side; Tommy Lynch, 139, Wilmington, Del., outpointed Sammy King, 140, East Side, and Fred Mennen, 147, Brooklyn, registered the only kayo on the card when he stopped Bob Munoz, 140, West Side, in 21 seconds of the third round.

Bernie Reynolds, 173½, Cliffside Park, N. J., made his debut as a main eventer and scored his ninth straight kayo at the Park Arena where he stowed away Johnny Davis, 188, Brooklyn, in 2:25 of the second round of a slated eight.

Reynolds, rated as one of the most promising lads to come out of the war, survived some stiff shots to the head thrown by Davis in the first round. He dropped Johnny in the second, and the Brooklyn boy barely beat the count. Another stiff blow sent Davis back to the canvas for keeps.

In the semi-final eight-rounder, Luis Ramos, 126¼, Puerto Rico, defeated Georgie Cooper, 125, Harlem.

Willis Parker, 175½, Yonkers, N. Y., vanquished Fred McManus, 178¼, Jersey City, N. J., in a six-round bout. In the four-round affairs Johnny Marino, 127½, Brooklyn, whipped Maurice Auger, 125½, Montreal; Mike DiCosmo, 138¾, Elizabeth, N. J., knocked out Johnny Land, 135, Harlem, in four, and John L. Johnson, 123½, Jersey City, stopped Fred Franco, 128½, Cliffside Park, in three rounds.

Jimmy Pierce, 140½, Vancouver, B. C., turned back little Tony Antognoli, 136¼, Greenwich Village, and Stanley Goicz, 182¼, Yonkers, N. Y., decisioned stubborn Warren Peterson, 170, Jamaica, L. I., in a double-windup of eight rounds at the Croke Park Arena.

In other settos, Jackie Cunningham, 121½, Lodi, N. J., won over Davey Allen, 122, New York, in six rounds, while in another six Billy Strauss, 137¼, Paterson, N. J., beat Al Mazerol, 137½, Limestone, Me.

Phil Thomas, 124¾, Harlem, stiffened Max Doughty, 122¾, New York, in 1:34 of the second heat.

Roman Alvarez, Pete Reilly's oxygen-sniffing New York welterweight, scored heavily with lefts and rights to the chin of willing Jorge Morelia, of Mexico City, to cop the duke after ten closely contested rounds at the Fort Hamilton Arena.

A crowd of 4700 saw Morelia draw the gore from the former paratrooper's proboscis and cut Roman's left eye in the third round. In the late stages of the scrap Alvarez rocked Morelia with accurate right uppercuts. The decision of Referee Frank Fullam, and Judges Abe Goldberg and Mike Paresi was unanimous. Alvarez weighed 140, two pounds heavier than Morelia.

Joe DiSoso, 126, New Orleans, outboxed Sammy Zelman, 125, Detroit, to earn the decision in the six-round semi-final.

Johnny Thomas, 139, West Side, stopped Hal Robbins, 138, Vancouver, B. C., in 2:39 of the second round, and Enrique Rodea, 139, Mexico, was held to a draw by Joe Marmo, 139, Paterson, N. J., in other six-round slugfests.

The two four-rounders ended in kayoes as Eric Best, 156, Harlem, halted Russ Flynn, 154, West Side, in 2:07 of the second session, and Tommy LaRocca, 137½, Jamaica, L. I., outclassed Nick Martin, 141, Brooklyn, the referee intervening at 1:21 of the opening heat.

The Long Beach Stadium with Queensboro Arena's Moe Fleischer doubling in brass at the matchmaking helm, staged their first show after three postponements and Al Seidman, 155, Scranton, Pa., defeated Ernie (Cat) Robinson, in the main eight-round go.

Seidman scored heavily with body punches and took the play away from the weary Negro veteran to win the unanimous duke. Mark Conn was the referee.

Frank Pucci and Benny May, Canadian featherweights, waged another of their aggressive mills and Frankie copped the eight-round nod with faster punching on the inside. Pucci weighed 121, May, 123.

The promising Tommy Mara, 151, White Plains, quickly chilled Lew Perez, 156½, Puerto Rico, in 1:43 of the first of a slated six. In another six Paul Midiri, 127¾, Corona, L. I., decisioned Georgie Wright, 119, New York.

Mickey Hasinsky, 153½, Long Beach, L. I., knocked out Bob Munoz, 149½, New York, in 1:12 of round one, and Johnny Marino, 126, New York, whipped Maurice Auger, 124½, Montreal, in the four-round bouts.

A new attendance and gate receipt record was set for the budding outdoor season at the Queensboro Arena when a crowd of 5800 paid a gross of $9100 to watch Patsy Brandino, 137, Hamilton, Ontario, win a unanimous eight-round decision from Ruby Kessler, 138½, Coney Island youngster, in a thrill-packed fray.

Brandino scored with numerous left hooks and employed a bobbing and weaving rushing style to end Ruby's string of straight wins at 11. Kessler's best round was the sixth when he hurt Patsy with solid rights to the face. Ray Miller was the referee and the judges were Steve Acunto and Sid Scharlin.

Vince Gigante, 168¾, Greenwich Village, took an easy six-round decision from Teddy Brown in the semi-final. Frankie Cardinal, 147, New York, earned the verdict in another six with Eskar Mosely, 146½, Bronx. Freddy Howell, 148, Virgin Islands, pulled a losing six out of the fire when he cut Tommy Houston, 152, Glendale, L. I., over the left eye and the latter was not permitted to come up for the fourth heat.

In the four-round affairs, Billy Nelson, 146½, Harlem, trounced Bobby Williams, 146½, Harlem, and Tony LaBua, 134, Ozone Park, L. I., sensationally kayoed Jimmy Presha, 132½, New York, in 2:46 of the second round.

Al Mobley, 145½, Newark, N. J., won his seventh straight fight of the year when he left-jabbed his way to an eight-round decision over Ernie Copeland, 145, Bronx, at the Sterling Oval.

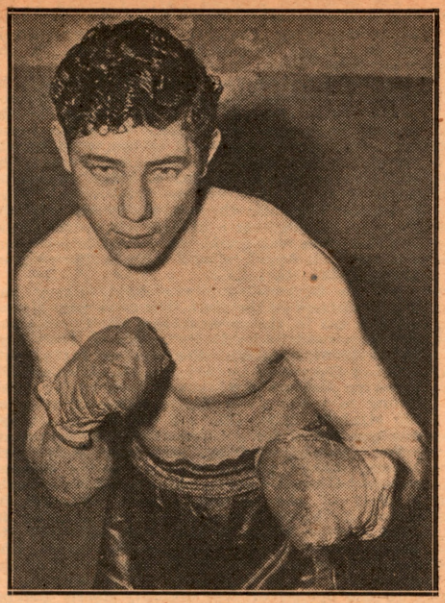
In the eight-round semi-windup flashy, fast-stepping Danny Carabella, 120¾, Bronx, decisioned Johnny Juliano, 125, Paterson, N. J.

Two of the three remaining tilts ended in kayoes. Frankie Palermo, 138, Bronx, knocked out Lou Daniels, 133¾, Bronx, in 2:36 of the opening inning, and Augie Fleischauer, 158¼, Bronx, belted out Frankie Smith, 156, Brooklyn, in 1:51 of the fourth round.

Phil Burton, 143½, New York, travelled four heats with Al Mendez, 147, Bronx, to defeat the latter in the curtain raiser.

Slashin' Steve Belloise, 160, Bronx contender, registered his 12th kayo in 14 postwar starts when he knocked out Bobby Berger, 154¼, Chicago, in 18 seconds of the second session at the Coney Island Velodrome.

The first round saw Steve pursuing Bobby after the latter had attempted to sneak over a hard right when the men touched gloves at the opening gong. At the start of the second stanza, Berger let fly with a left hook and missed, whereupon the spidery Bronxite countered with a straight right to the button to starch Berger.



Tony Janiro, who again is out among the headliners.

In six-round bouts Willie Beltram, 134½, East Side, required only two minutes and 57 seconds of the initial frame to flatten Marino Vertiz, 133½, Puerto Rico, and Nat Bridges, 130, Brooklyn, required three seconds less to dispose of Grady Wilson, 127, Bronx. Jackie Savino, 134, Jamaica, L. I., defeated Clem Rodriquez, 136, Puerto Rico.

The opening four went to Nick Bertucci, 147¾, Brooklyn, as he decisioned Bob Munoz, 150, New York.

Joe Governale, 158½, blond Bensonhurst middleweight thumper, evened the score with veteran Izzy Jannazzo, 151¼, New York, when he decisively took a ten-round decision in the top bout at the MacArthur Stadium in Brooklyn.

Although one official voted for a draw, a crowd of 5000 was satisfied that Joe had won with plenty to spare as he pounded Izzy around the midsection effectively to wipe out the defeat suffered at Jannazzo's hands a month earlier.

Jimmy Davis, 154, Pittsburgh, turned back Vic Amato, 163¾, Brooklyn, in a hard-fought semi-final six-rounder.

Tony Bertucci, 154, Brooklyn, administered a good drubbing to Lew Perez, 157, Puerto Rico, in a six spot, while another listed six saw Silvio Zangrillo, 151, Brooklyn, making a comeback, get off the floor to knock out Jerry Wright, 154, Brooklyn, in the fourth frame.

Fred DeFranco, 132½, Pensacola, Fla., defeated Paul Roque, 131, Puerto Rico, in a four-rounder, and Charley Bellinger, 138, Amityville, L. I., knocked out Jackie Martin, 142½, Brooklyn, in 2:10 of the first round with a neatly-timed left hook to the jaw.

Al Highers, 138, Oneida, N. Y., made his first appearance as a headline boxer at the Park Arena and defeated Bobby Garcia, 140, Baltimore, son of the old Mexican Wildcat of two decades ago.

The Park Arena management announced that the Bronx biff bistro would be shut down for overhauling and repairs until September.

Paul (Country) Ferguson, 140½, Greensboro, N. C., newcomer, walloped tough Enrique Rodea, 140, Mexico City, to take the semi-final eight-round duke.

In sixes Mickey Zangara, 147½, New York, beat Ralph Nieves, 152¼, Puerto Rico, and Bernie Bernard, 129¼, decisioned Sammy Zelman, 126, Montreal.

Two fours saw Jimmy Hooper, 174½, take the duke over David Glenton, 187½, and Andy Wiedner, 135½, beat Samuel King, 140½.

Rocco Rossano, 145½, Brooklyn, kid brother of Vinnie, moved into his own as a star bout performer when he gained a unanimous eight round decision over the more experienced Jimmy Pierce, 145¼, Vancouver, B. C., in the main event at the Croke Park Arena.

Rossano, a veteran of four major campaigns with the Army in Europe, notched his 11th straight win by being the aggressor and scoring frequently with cleaner punches.

Willard Hogan, 139¾, New York, outpointed Lou Prince, 135, Princeton, N. J., in the eight-round semi-windup.

Little Johnny LaRusso, 128¼, Bronx, knocked out Tommy Murray, 136, Montreal, in 1:34 of the sixth round. In four rounders, Freddie Menna, 147, Brooklyn, beat Bill Dinker, 148, New York; Tommy Lynch, 139½, Wilmington, Del., whipped Billy Griffo, 140, Bronx, and Walter Cartier, 156, Bronx, stopped Jimmy Jackson, 155, Bronx, in 1:38 of round one.

Jimmy Carollo, 195½, Corona, L. I., ex-Marine, won his second start along the comeback trail when he earned the decision over Hal Glassman, 186½, Philadelphia, in a hard-fought encounter in the featured eight at Dexter Park.

Carollo, who became a fistic cause celebre, when it was rumored that he had suffered an inter-cranial injury in the Marine Corps, showed no ill effects in this fight as he constantly beat Glassman to the punch in his first star bout start in a year.

Herbie Kronowitz, 158, Brooklyn, whipped Caesar Ferro, 158, Brooklyn, in the eight-round semi-final.

In two six-round tilts Jesse Lee, 179, New York, won over Jimmy Polk, 179, West Side, and Tony DeSalvo, 139, Corona, L. I., outpunched Hal Robbins, 142, Vancouver, B. C.

Don Bleta, 131½, Akron, Ohio, defeated Marvin Dick, 126½, Brooklyn, in the lone four-rounder on the program.

Pete Mead, 156, Grand Rapids, Michigan, blond youngster, continued his climb toward the top when he easily defeated the scowling Jerry Fiorello, 157, Red Hook, in the main go of ten rounds at the Fort Hamilton Arena.

Mead boxed rings around the rugged Brooklynite to romp off with the unanimous duke of Referee Al Berl, and Judges Charley Draycott and Jack O'Sullivan. Pete's best punch was a right to the head, and he puffed up Fiorello's eye and ear before the scrap was over.

Billy Herrold, 159, Waco, Texas, outpointed Benny Davis, 158, Bronx, in the six-round semi-final. In two other listed sixes, Gaby Ferland, 138, Montreal, defeated Nick Primiani, 140, Montreal, and Ray Lewis, 137, Honolulu, stopped Johnny Phillips, 140, New York, in 55 seconds of the fifth. Phillips was cut about the mouth and the eye.

Phil Burton, 142, Harlem, conquered Willie Murphy, 140, New York, and Nick Bertucci, 152, Brooklyn, vanquished Frank Fenette, 156, Brooklyn, in a pair of four-round affairs.

Joey Varoff, classy East Side welterweight, was the hit of the night at the Long Beach Stadium as he topped a bill of four eight-rounders with the veteran Bobby Cummings of Philadelphia, whom he defeated after a fast-paced fray replete with action.

Joey outmaneuvered the crafty Cummings to land stinging, well-timed jabs and hooks. Varoff weighed in at 138, Cummings 143½. Benny Leonard was the referee and Charley Devlin and Dave Stewart were the judges. A crowd of 3700 paid $4800 to see Matchmaker Moe Fleischer's fistic offering.

Frank Bachman's stiff punching youngster, Tommy Mara, 155½, White Plains, scored his seventh kayo when he chilled Johnny Harvey of Port Chester, N. Y., with a right cross to the kisser in 1:48 of the fourth round.

The third eight saw Jimmy Callura, 123, Ontario, take the play away from Bobby Richards, 123½, Spokane, Washington, to earn the nod, while Walter (Cabey) Lewis, 131, Brooklyn, outboxed Johnny Juliano, 126½, Paterson, N. J., in the final eight-round clash.

Mickey Hasinsky, 155, beat Lacey Murphy, 160, New York, in a lively four which opened the show.

Fighting through a drizzle for the first three rounds, handsome Johnny Colan, Hell's Kitchen heavyweight pride, and Teddy Randolph of New York, kept a capacity crowd of 5600 glued to their seats despite the pelting rain at the Queensboro Arena, as Johnny romped off with the duke after ten fast rounds.

Randolph started well, jolting Johnny with accurate uppercuts and fast right crosses, but Colan forged ahead from the second round on to outbox Randolph and closed Teddy's right eye at the finish. The decision of Referee Frank Fullam and Judges Jack O'Sullivan and Paul Caiola was unanimous. Colan weighed 174½, Randolph 181½.

Jesse Lee, 177, New York, a lithe-limbed Negro protege of former lightweight star, Georgie Zengaras, scored a bit of an upset when he administered a neat six-round pasting to Harold Raskin, 192¼, Chicago, in the semi-final which followed the main go.

Two other listed sixes ended in kayoes as Al Maggi, 158½, Greenwich Village, starched Chato Ramos, 155½, Mexico, in 2:49 of the second session, and Paul Midiri, 128½, Corona, L. I., stopped Marcel Fournier, 135, Montreal, at the end of the third round.

George Bensik, 192, Pueblo, Colo., copped a four-round decision over Joe Barrett, 176, San Francisco, and Lew Perez, 157, Puerto Rico, clowned and clouted his way to a decision over Gene Roberts, 162, Garfield, N. J., in another four-round tussle.

Danny Webb, classy Montreal Negro featherweight, almost punched himself arm-weary before he stopped shopworn Lou Transparenti, of

Baltimore, at the end of the sixth round at the Coney Island Velodrome.

Webb floored Transparenti four times before the battle ended. Lou was down for a nine-count in the second round, and in the same stanza was saved by the bell when the count reached three. Lou was down once more for nine in the fifth, and took an eight-count in the sixth. Referee George Walsh stepped in at this point and halted proceedings because of Transparenti's badly damaged right eye. The Canadian scaled 128½, and Transparenti tipped the beam at 131.

Johnny Eagle, 161, Detroit, got the best of several punching exchanges to defeat Vic Amato, 161½, Brooklyn, in the six-round semi-final.

Two other sixes saw Tony De Rosa, 147, Astoria, L. I., defeat Ed Leach, 146, New York, and Ralph Nieves, 153, Puerto Rico, knocked out Julie Cross 147, Brooklyn, in 1:40 of the fourth frame.

In four spots, Sammy Zelman, 125, Montreal, won from Johnny Marino, 126, Brooklyn, and Joe LaScala, 142, New York, stopped Bob Munoz, 141, New York, in 2:40 of the fourth and final round.

Mayhew Smith, 144½, Raleigh, N. C., a last minute sub for Johnny Ryan, who injured his back in training, won a split decision over Bally Carubia, 152, Astoria, L. I., in the main eight-round go at the Sterling Oval.

In the semi-final eight, Frankie Gromada, 139, East Side, outpointed Willie Odom, 141, of the Bronx.

Billy Strauss, 138¼, Paterson, N. J., whipped Al Mazerol, 137, Limestone, Me., in a six-round encounter. Other prelims saw Tony LaBua, 133½, Ozone Park, L. I., flatten Andy Wiedner, 133½, Maspeth, L. I., in 2:12 of the opening canto; Kenny Haines, 126, Toronto, beat Jimmy Allen, 129, Philadelphia, in four, and Odell Halliday, 140, New York, took a four-round decision from Johnny Ortega, 143, Bronx.

A record crowd turned out at the Croke Park Arena to see middleweight contender Steve Belloise score his fifteenth straight postwar win as he knocked out Willie Scott of Augusta, Ga., in 2:19 of the first round of a scheduled eight before 4500 fans.

In the semifinal, carded for six, Davey (Red) Allen stopped Jackie Cunningham, 124½, Lodi, N. J., at 1:41 of the fifth when the latter suffered a cut over the eye. Eskar Mosely, 143, New York, caught Orlando Patino, 147, Mexico, at 1:36 of round one to chill his man, and John L. Thomas, 135½, Brooklyn, outpointed Frankie Palermo, 139¾, Bronx, in other six-round bouts.

Jimmy Jackson, 154½, Bronx, floored Eddie Burns, 149½, Brooklyn, and the referee called a halt at 1:41 of the opening canto of a listed four. Walter Cartier, 157½, Bronx, outpunched George Smith, 159, Newark, N. J., in another four.

Offsetting his opponent's harder hitting with craftier boxing, Phil Palmer, 143, Vancouver, B. C., won a split eight-round decision over Sal Richie, 147¾, East Side, in the main go at Dexter Park. A crowd of 3500 was on hand.

Russ Hawkins, 147, Jamaica, L. I., was down twice in the first round, but recovered to knock out Steve Riggio, 147, East Side, in 2:06 of the fourth round of the listed eight-round semifinal.

Four four-rounders rounded out the card, and Tony LaRocca, 139, Corona, L. I., stopped Sam King, 140, New York, in 2:29 of the second; Walter DeMaio, 153¼, Queens Village, L. I., defeated Frankie Smith, 156, Brooklyn; Charley Donovan, 135½, East Side, kayoed Dave Garcia, 140, Puerto, in 2:18 of the fourth; and Castro Calderon, 127, Puerto Rico, won from Larry Spencer, 123, Bronx.

Although penalized two rounds for low blows, and jolted with damaging right uppercuts, aggressive Lenny (Boom Boom) Mancini, 147, Youngstown, O., Purple Heart wearer, garnered a one-sided eight-round decision from Vic Moreno, 144¾, Venezuela, in the main attraction at the MacArthur Stadium in Brooklyn.

Moreno, a sub for Rocco Rossano, was awarded the third and eighth frames by Referee Jed Gahan, who scored it six and two for Mancini. Judges Jim Reilly and Joe Ryder cast their ballot for the Midwestern warrior, five, two and one even.

Joey Freda, 144½, Maspeth, L. I., was credited with a mild upset when he stopped Silvio Zangrillo, 151, seasoned Brooklyn scrapper, in 2:23 of the opening round. Zangrillo had things pretty much his own way until Joey jarred him with a thunderous right which put Silvio in bad shape, whereupon the referee stopped it.

Joey D'Amato, 143½, Youngstown, O., a former national amateur champion, made his professional bow a most auspicious one when he sensationally knocked out Jimmy Presha, 138½, Harlem, in 2:59 of the first round.

In the four-round encounters, Jimmy Thelan, 171¼, Long Island City, whipped Johnny Shaunessy, 169¼, Brooklyn, and Billy Nelson, 144½, Harlem, halted Fred Menna, 146½, Brooklyn, when the latter failed to come up for the second stanza.

Brooklyn boxing bugs, 9,500 of 'em, saw the greatest card of fights staged at Ebbets Field since the halcyon days of Berlenbach and Delaney, when Promoter Bill Johnston presented four ten round club fights with ex-marine Artie Levine, Brooklyn contender, scoring a thrilling kayo over Vic Dellicurti, veteran Bronx middleweight, in 1:31 of the tenth and final frame of a ding-dong donnybrook.

Joe Governale stopped Larry Fontana at the end of the seventh. Johnny Dell outpointed Julie Bort, and Joey (Sandy) Saddler impressively halted Georgie Cooper in seven heats in the other tilts.

Dellicurti proved troublesome to Levine as he bobbed and weaved and countered with jabs and hooks. Artie toppled the game Italian in the fourth for a nine count, and when Vic arose, hammered the daylights out of him with smashing rights. The crowd went wild and cheered the underdog as he recuperated to battle Levine on fairly even terms until the final round when Artie slammed him through the ropes onto the ring apron. Dellicurti bravely clambered back, but this time was unable to defend himself and Referee Jack Appel called a halt. Levine weighed 163½, Dellicurti, 162½.

In the Governale-Fontana fight, Larry had Joe in distress in the sixth, but Governale ripped his left eye in the seventh, and the Commission doctor refused to let Larry continue. Both boys hailed from Brooklyn. Fontana at 161½, outweighed Governale by 3½ pounds. Another all-Brooklyn slugfest saw Johnny Dell, 134½, finish strong to break Julie Bort's string of wins at ten straight. Bort, 135, suffered a cut left eye and was spilled for a no-count in the tenth heat.

Joe (Sandy) Saddler, 129, wiry New York Negro, showed plenty of class as he stopped seasoned Georgie Cooper, 130, also of New York, in 2:11 of the seventh stanza. Although he scored no knockdowns, Sandy was sinking in some snappy shots to the head and body, to batter Cooper freely, when Referee Appel, who certainly earned his night's pay working the entire bill, waved Saddler to his corner.

In the opener of four rounds, Morris Belkin, 131½, East Side, decisioned Fred Picone, 134, New York. The judges were Frank Forbes and Mike Paresi. The gross receipts were $21,000.

Pat Scanlon, 138½, Ozone Park, L. I., a prohibitive underdog, punched his way into the local limelight and belted Patsy Brandino, 135½, Hamilton, Ontario, contender, right out of an Ebbets Field shot when he kayoed the Canadian in 1:11 of the eighth round at the Fort Hamilton Arena.

Brandino, slated to box Ruby Kessler in a return go at the Brooklyn ballpark six days later, easily garnered the first six rounds of the scheduled ten spot. He had floored the Irish youngster for a two count in the third heat. Suddenly in the seventh round, Scanlon connected with a one-two to the body and head to floor Brandino. Patsy was in bad shape and on the deck as the bell came to his rescue at five.

At the start of the eighth Scanlon rushed out and dropped Brandino with a right for seven and sent him back to the canvas with another right. Brandino beat the count but Referee Teddy Martin wisely ruled that he was in no condition to continue.

In the semi-final six Joe DiSoso, 126, New Orleans, defeated Georgie Wright, 124, McKeesport, Pa.

George Smith, 144, New York, beat Johnny Vann, 144, Brooklyn, in six rounds, and Dave Meredith, Jersey City, stopped Allie Wolf, New York, in 2:12 of the third. Nick Bertucci, 149, Brooklyn, whipped Bob Munoz, 150, New York, four rounds, and Jerry Heminger, 156, Columbus, O., stopped Frankie Fenette, 157, Brooklyn, in 45 seconds of the second stanza of a carded four.

Ray (Sugar) Robinson, 149½, New York, facing his first southpaw opponent in seventy professional contests, added Joe Curcio, 150¼, Newark, to his list of victims as he flattened the Jerseyite in a hectic Madison Square Garden brawl which had a near-riot as an aftermath.

Curcio proved troublesome to the leading challenger for welterweight honors as Sugar tried to fathom his portside stance. Ray winged right hand punches awkwardly and boxed Joe with extreme care. Midway in the first round he backed Curcio into his own corner and began belting away. Joe brought the crowd to their feet as he gave and received on equal terms with the Harlemite.

Robinson kept moving forward and Curcio swapped punches fearlessly. Toward the end of the round Ray rocked Joe who staggered back against the ropes. Just as the bell sounded ending the round, Robinson cracked Curcio with a terrific left to the point of the chin and Joe went down flat on his back, dead to the world. He was completely out during the minute rest period, and as the bell sounded for the second session, Referee Billy Cavanagh began a count which he halted at five. The official verdict was then announced as: "Curcio unable to answer the bell for the second round, the winner—Robinson."

Then the rioting broke out as Joe's Jersey rooters rushed the ring and milled around the working press section, causing this scribe and several other newspapermen to clamber into the ring for safety. The attendance was 12,353, the gate $51,626.

The eight round semi-final went to Charley Smith, 135¾, Newark, N. J., when he outpointed Paul Reguejo, 133, Pasadena, Calif. Johnny Clark, 159, Harlem, defeated Joe Reddick, 161, Paterson, N. J., in a six staged after the star bout. The fours saw Tony Bertucci, 153¼, decision Julie Cross, 155, Brooklyn; Gabriel Ferland, 134½, Montreal, beat George Johnson, 134½, Harlem, and Frank Palermo, 138¼, Bronx, won from Tony DeSalvo, 140½, Corona, L. I.

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IRISH Jackie McCoy, 123, Los Angeles, punched out a decisive victory over Alfredo Escobar, 127, Mexico, in a redhot 10-rounder at Las Vegas. McCoy boxed beautifully to outclass the Mexican in seven of the rounds. Escobar was credited with but two heats and one was tabbed even. The little Irishman's clever footwork and artful dodging made him a difficult target, and Escobar missed badly throughout. They slugged it out furiously in the final round, with McCoy having the better of it, staggering his game foe on numerous occasions.

Babe Edwards, 180, Los Angeles, won a split and questionable decision over Allen Arnett, 174, Los Angeles Negro, in the six-round semi-windup. Arnett outboxed the hard-hitting Edwards for four rounds, but was floored for a nine-count in the fifth from a left hook to the jaw, and forced to clinch in the sixth from blows to the body.

In four other bouts: Bud Singleton, 158, Las Vegas, easily won over Alonzo Williams, Los Angeles, in four; Henry Lowe, 190, Las Vegas, won by a K.O. in the first over Whitey Berry, Wichita. Joe Perez, 128, Los Angeles, decisioned Alex Salazar in four; Marcus Diaz, 145, Las Vegas, drew with Henry Martinez of Los Angeles in the opener.

In one of the best fights ever staged in a Nevada ring, Mike Delia, Los Angeles lightweight, won over Eddie Hudson, San Francisco Negro, in a 10-rounder at Las Vegas. Delia performed like a well-oiled machine in piling up points with a fast left jab, short hooks and punishing rights to the head.

In spite of the hard hitting there were no knockouts, but Mike staggered the Negro boxer in the second and seventh rounds. Hudson copped the eighth frame and held the Italian even in two other rounds. They slugged it out all during the final two heats, with Delia having the edge in both rounds. Hudson was a bloody warrior at the finish.

In the eight-round semifinal, Chief Crazy Horse, 146, Pasadena, defeated Dixie Fleming, Las Vegas Negro. It was an interesting scrap, with Fleming landing some good blows, but the Indian veteran forced the milling throughout and his continued attack won him the nod.

In four other bouts, Johnny Meyer, 156, Glendale, punched Frankie Antuna, Los Angeles, at will, to win easily in four rounds; Sal Sanchez, 130, was awarded the decision over Frankie Martinez, in four; Al Ayala, 140, Mexico, K.O.'ed Marcus Diaz, Las Vegas, in the second. Ernie Salazar, Los Angeles, stopped Rocky Modungo, Glendale, in the second.

Las Vegas boxing fans have a new idol! He is Irish Jackie McCoy, Los Angeles featherweight, who won the hearts of fistic followers by his masterful performance against Alfredo Escobar. Local fans had seen Escobar defeat the sensational Fabela Chavez, and therefore, hardly expected to ever see the Mexican buzzsaw so completely outclassed as he was by the clever McCoy.

Promoter Dick Russell was so impressed with the little Irishman's performance that he is seeking an outstanding opponent for McCoy in an outdoor fight on Labor Day. Russell will endeavor to secure either Jackie Jurich of San Jose, Joey Dolan of Spokane, or Pedro Ramirez of Mexico, to oppose the popular Jackie.

Frankie Russell, 156, Los Angeles, rallied in the final two rounds to cop a close decision over R. J. Lewis, 155, Denver Negro, in a 10-rounder at the Las Vegas arena.

Russell almost ended it in the opening round, when he punched Lewis all over the ring, having the Negro down for a nine-count and groggy at the bell. After receiving a terrific lacing in the first three rounds, Lewis came back to cop three rounds with a body attack, and the go was about even at the end of the eighth. Russell mustered up enough steam to grab the last two rounds.

Babe Edwards, 180, Los Angeles, dished out a terrific beating to Gaston Miller, 170, Las Vegas, in the six-round semi-windup. Edwards flattened Miller three times for nine-counts and had him in a groggy condition in every round, but the Las Vegas gamester was on his feet at the final bell.

In the prelims: Henry Lowe, 190, Las Vegas, beat Jack Glover, Los Angeles, in four; Bud Singleton, 155, Las Vegas, stopped Leon Richards, Los Angeles, in the fourth; Jay Wall, 157, K.O.'ed Richard Van Zant, Santa Barbara, in the first; Charles Cureton, 135, Los Angeles, nodded Sal Sanchez, Tijuana, in four.

Harry Winkler, California representative of THE RING, was twice a visitor to Las Vegas during the month. Harry manages a stable of boxers, and some of his charges appeared on two of Promoter Russell's programs.

Although both are lightweights, Mike Delia's win over Eddie Hudson made him the state welterweight champion, a title that Hudson had won over Carlos Malacara last September. The Nevada Boxing Commission allows boxers to compete for state titles (if permission is given) without having to be a resident of Nevada for any length of time.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

SIOUX CITY, IA.—The outdoor professional boxing season is in full sway here, and it appears at this writing that the leather pushing sport has a new lease on life. Good fights and good crowds have been the first results of the sport, which has been inactive here since before the war.

Davenport, Ia.—Boxing in Davenport under the guiding hands of Bunny Pierce and Richie Smith, is coming back with a bang. A fiasco between Johnny Paychek and Eddie Winston in the late '30's killed the sport here. But as Jerry Jurgens of the Davenport *Daily Times* writes, "Things are different now." The first card here drew 2200 fans, while the second show jumped well over 3000. Results of the second card were as follows: Tommy Campbell, 138, Rock Island, knocked out Roy Lewis, 140, of Indianapolis in 4; Willie Joes, 130, Indianapolis, decisioned Billy Cornwall, 128, Des Moines, in 6; Roland Taylor, 160, Des Moines, defeated Arnold Deer, 160, of Indianapolis by the T.K.O. route in 2; Charlie Nelson, 130, Chicago, knocked out Joe Robinson, 128, of Buffalo, N. Y., in 2; Frankie Rand, 155, of Indianapolis, knocked out Joe Buford, 150, of Chicago in 4.

Professional boxing has also come to life in South Dakota, mainly around the Black Hills district where several boxing cards are in line for the summer months in Deadwood and Rapid City. We also have reports that the sport will take off in Yankton, Mitchell and Sioux Falls, S. D., and Huron. At Rapid City, Wayne Armstrong, Sioux City welterweight, scored a knockout over Billy Betterman of Omaha in the third round of a billed eight-rounder; Leo Mahon, Sioux City middleweight, stopped Chief War Eagle at Rosebud, S. D., with a terrific left hook in the second round of a billed sixer.

Omaha, Neb.—Dode Hamilton, veteran fighter, trainer and former Omaha deputy boxing commissioner, has taken over the management of Tex Boddie, Omaha heavyweight It was Hamilton who started the famous Morrie Schlaifer on the road to fistic fame. Boddie has been coming to the front at a rapid pace, working up from a preliminary fighter to a main event status. In his last seven starts he has scored seven knockouts. He is a fast boxer and a deadly puncher when set.

Arnolds Park, Ia.—Sailor Burke, former Sioux City lightweight, manager, trainer and well known in northwest Iowa, is attempting to arrange a series of boxing cards here for the summer months. Burke would like to hear from talent who would like to headquarter around the Iowa Lake region.

Sioux City, Ia.—In one of the fistic highlights of the month, Bennie Droll, popular Peoria, Ill., middleweight, dropped a hairline decision to Joey Hartfield, coming Omaha Negro. The bout, a 10-rounder, was a slashing affair all the way. In a six-round bout, Johnny Schnautz, New Braunfels, Texas, dropped a decision to Paul Martinez, a hard-punching youngster from Omaha.

Remember, mail and other news of interest for this sport will reach the writer at 2206 N. Lafayette Street, Sioux City, Ia. If you expect a personal reply please send your mail to this address. Boxers wishing to show in this section are urged to mail me pictures and clippings. These in turn will be turned over to the local promoters for consideration. There is no booking charge asked.

West Union, Ia.—Amateur boxing has returned here under the direction of the American Legion Post. Kenneth Anderson is boxing chairman. Al Meier, state A.A.U. bantamweight champion, was one of the feature attractions during the past month.

Sioux City, Ia.—Howard Blyhl, highly-rated Madison, Minn., middleweight, scored a second round knockout over Jackie Conway of St. Louis in the 10-round main event. In a slashing eight-rounder, Wayne Armstrong, Sioux City welterweight, dropped a hairline decision to Walter Tinken of Kansas City. It is the opinion of the writer that the bout should have been called a draw, but the newspaper decision went to Tinken. Louis Wallach, St. Louis, boxing promoter, matchmaker and fighter, was granted a newspaper decision over Sammy Richards of Indianapolis. Enos Tebo, formerly of Winnebago, Neb., now making Sioux City his headquarters, gained a newspaper decision over Ray Shaye of Minneapolis in four rounds; Joe Adina of Sioux City gained the nod over Whitey Snyder, also of Sioux City, in a four-round middleweight match. Lee Wilcox, Sioux City, and Johnny Schnautz of New Braunfels, Texas, boxed a three-round exhibition.

Des Moines, Ia.—Del Cockayne, Des Moines, lightweight, won a six-round decision over Ted Christie of Chicago at Minneapolis.

Sioux City, Ia.—A vicious left hook to the heart by Jackie Burke, Pittsburgh middleweight, stopped Jerry Marshall in the seventh round of a billed 10-rounder which opened the outdoor boxing season at the Riverview Park Arena. Burke had won four of the preceding six rounds. Wayne Armstrong, Sioux City welterweight, won a newspaper decision over Georgie Brandon of St. Louis in eight rounds; Walter Tinken, St. Louis welterweight, scored a T.K.O. over Frankie Mays of St. Paul in the second round of a billed sixer; Whitey Schneider and Joe Andino,, both of Sioux City, fought a slam-bang draw at the middleweight limit. Jackie Rave, Omaha welterweight, scored over Young Newsboy Brown of Sioux City in four rounds. Two baby bombers, Ronnie and Donnie Thebert, fighting at 87 pounds, staged a fast three-round exhibition.

Last Minute Sparks—We have been swamped with boxing news this month, and we regret we are unable to carry it all. . . . Bob Morley, former Sioux City Golden Gloves champion and well known to boxing fans in this section, has entered the boxing managers' field. . . . He has several youngsters who will bear watching. . . . Phil Montgomery, former Sioux City boxer, has a fine prospect in Johnny Schnautz, Texas bantamweight. . . . Yano DiGiacomo of Omaha is the manager of Joey Hartfield, the hard-punching Negro battler. . . . Max Clayton is the boxing promoter at Omaha, and boxers wishing to show their wares there are urged to get in touch with him. . . . Les Johnson, Minneapolis manager, who looks after the interests of Howard Blyhl, has several boys under his management.

Paul Hartneck, former heavyweight boxer, will serve as boxing instructor at the Boys' Ranch Camp in Curtis, Neb. Hartneck was signed by Roy Pierce, Curtis High athletic director, for a three-day series of lessons. . . . Over 150 boys are at the camp. . . . Johnny Gregg, South Dakota state boxing commissioner, paid Sioux City a visit and attended the opening boxing card. . . . Al Greenberg of Canada has several boys he would like to show in the Middle West. . . . Vince Foster, former Mid-West Golden Gloves and A.A.U. champion, is going to enter the professional ranks under the management of Joe E. Lee and Walt V. Young. . . . Foster hails from Omaha. . . . Sioux City has the only outdoor training camp in this section which is free to all boxers wishing to train there—Billy Jackson and Roy Warfield in their efforts to bring out talent offer this inducement to youngsters with no strings attached.

IN CHICAGO

With GENE ENGEL

NICK CASTIGLIONE, hard-hitting West Side Italian favorite, took a clean-cut decision over experienced Gene Spencer in an eight-round Marigold Gardens headliner. Nickie, at 142, was too strong for his formidable Chicago rival, who weighed 133½ pounds. Spencer fought in spurts, while Castiglione punched freely throughout the battle.

Bob Weatherly, Chicago South Side Negro, 150, and Joe Harris, 148, Cincinnati, went four rounds to a draw. Jimmy Pryor, Gary, Ind., knocked out Bud Kelly, 140, Cincinnati, and James Anderson, rugged 198-pound protege of ex-bantam champ, Johnny Coulon, lambasted Dave Ashley of Cincinnati into oblivion in the third round of a scheduled five-rounder.

Leon Thompson, hard-punching Kentucky welter, stiffened Joey Richards in the first round, while Luther Brent, 165-pound Negro, outscored Mike Sopko, Indiana Harbor, Ind., middleweight, in a six-round bout.

Booker Beckwith, lithe and agile Gary, Ind., heavyweight, is re-establishing a huge following among Chicago fight partisans, especially after he impressively polished off promising Willie Moore in seven rounds of a slated ten-round headliner at the Rainbow Fronton.

Until the fatal seventh Willie was holding a comfortable points lead as he outboxed the aggressive Beckwith. Beckwith sighted an opening and zoomed over a lightning-like right that floored Moore twice for nine-counts before he was chilled for keeps.

Anton Raadik, European middleweight, knocked out Verne Patterson in the second round of a slated six-round semi-windup. Raadik, an unorthodox performer, is very strong, but hasn't as yet received a thorough test.

In a hotly contested preliminary scramble, Robert Earl won a savage six-round brawl from Lynch Travis.

Other preliminaries saw Leroy Davis, Chicago, stop Leroy Thompson, Chicago light-heavyweight, in one round. Caesar Cooper, Chicago Negro lightweight, won over Vito Rizzo, and Jimmy Fields, Boston, Mass., defeated Gene Simmons, Indianapolis light-heavyweight, in a six-round tiff.

Bob Foxworth, crack amateur star during 1945, made his pro debut at the White City Arena against Jimmy O'Dowd of Montreal, Canada, and stiffened the Canadian in the second round of a slated ten. A right to the chin turned the trick.

Tiny Robinson upset James Anderson in the six-round semi-windup. Other results saw Jesse Yarber, Chicago, kayo Dick Czerniak, Milwaukee, in two rounds. Cy Ellison, St. Louis heavyweight, defeated Roberto Solomito, Cuba, in six rounds, and T. J. Tape, Chicago, won over Paul Frazier, another local light-heavyweight. The gate receipts were $2948.

William Coffey, transplanted Washington, D. C., lightweight, after having compiled some thirteen pro ring victories, failed miserably in his first major task as a headliner, when he was halted at 2:55 of the second round by Eddie Lander at the Marigold Gardens Arena in a carded eight-round windup. A right to the head ended matters.

Three knockouts featured the preliminary action. Art Andrews, rugged Gary, Ind., 135-pounder, blasted Oliver Cobbins, Cincinnati warrior, out of the picture in four heats. Louis Smith, Waukegan, Ill., disposed of Buddy Waterman, Milwaukee lightweight, in three stanzas, and Leon Thompson, Ewarts, Ky., middleweight, clouted Caesar Douglas, local Negro, into dreamland in the opening stanza.

In the other battles, flashy Georgie Adams, South Side bantamweight, and Jim Wiley, Cincinnati newcomer, punched it out for five rounds to a draw, and George Feltes defeated Mike McKissick, Indianapolis, in a five-round bout.

Danny Robinson, promising West Side welterweight, furthered his aspirations at the expense of Wray Carter in Jack Kearns' concluding indoor program at the Coliseum. Robinson proved too agile and fast for Carter, dropping Wray for a six-count in the first canto and a seven-count in the third, to romp off with a ten-round duke.

In a scintillating eight-round semi-windup, Georgie Hansford, California veteran, survived a two-round beating at the hands of Alvin Gomez and came back gamely to flatten his Negro adversary in 27 seconds of the third frame.

Anton Raadik, European middleweight, made his American debut and stiffened Frankie Pintero, Milwaukee, in 2:56 of the opening frame of a slated six.

Three prelims ended in one-round kayoes as Lynch Travis, Chicago Negro, knocked out O. D. Thomas. Henry Jones, Detroit, Mich., heavyweight, kayoed Roberto Solomito, Puerto Rico. Leonard Thompson, Ewarts, Ky., stiffened Joe Buford.

Three local clubs are now running in Chicago. Heading the list is Marigold Gardens with Irv Schoenwald and Jack Begun, the newly formed Rainbow Fronton, with Ben Zenoff at the helm, and the White City Boxing Club, with Red Saunders promoting and Fred Irvin matchmaker.

Otis McGraw, gangling Detroit middleweight, kayoed Forest Gee in the second round of a slated eight-round headliner at the Marigold Gardens Arena. McGraw came out of his corner firing leather that floored Gee almost immediately. Gee kissed the canvas twice for nine-counts and two additional counts before he was counted out.

In another billed eight-rounder Buddy O'Dell put the skids under LeRoy Scales in one round, a powerful right to the jaw ending hostilities.

Gene Joyce, youngest of the Joyce brothers, defeated Herman Mills in a fast five-rounder. They are 140-pounders. Billy Bengal, Detroit veteran, making a successful comeback since his sojourn in the armed forces, knocked out another vet trying a comeback, Johnny Barbara, South Bend, Ind., in the first round. Mickey Wilson and Pat Kelly opened the program with a four-round draw.

Jackie Cooper, Chicago welterweight, won with comparative ease over rugged Art Brown in the eight-round main event at the Marigold Gardens Arena.

Two first-round knockouts enlivened the festivities as Billy Bengal, Detroit walloper, chilled Luther Brent in round one, and Leon Thompson, Kentucky, blasted Isadore Miner out of the picture in a round.

In other bouts Art Andrews, Gary lightweight, defeated Larry Moreland, Detroit, in a pleasing bout. Mickey Wilson, Chicago welterweight, won over Louis Smith, Waukegan, in a five-rounder, and Billy Marshall, 141, Detroit, surprised with a nice five-round win over Robert Weatherly.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

ARTURO GODOY, South American heavyweight challenger, body-punched his way to a second-round knockout over Lorient Bouchard of Montreal before one of the largest fistic turnouts in Jacksonville on June 14. It was a very disappointing match and the fans bellowed the blues mightily.

The eight-round semi with Bob Pearson of Slough, England, and Jackie Blount, Jacksonville lad, was a sweet affair. These lightweights had the crowd in an uproar and stole the show. Blount looked well on the way to a victory, but after the third, Pearson came back to unloose his tricks, score several knockdowns and earn the decision.

Roy Evans, Tampa's double for Billy Conn, registered a three-round stopper over Frankie O'Hare, a Philadelphian. These middleweights produced heaps of action until Evans right-crossed twice to score a knockdown and at the same time open a cut over Frankie's eye. The referee stopped it there.

Jackie Brazeaile, local middleweight, outpunched Ray Jackson, Tampa, and put him to sleep in three. A right to the button was Brazeaile's winning blow. In the four-round opener Tommy Peavie, 142, kayoed Danny Brazeaile, 140, in a local talent bout. Hugh Jones and Tony Cancela alternated as third men in the ring. Al Nettlow promoted his second show by this.

Roy Evans, Tampa middleweight prospect, advises this corner that he beat Jimmy Young and Roy as THE RING previously stated. Also from Tampa comes word from Fight Manager Pete Andrews. Pete's fighter, Tony Rojo, 116-pounder, actually kayoed Ray Dundee in two rounds and did not lose to Ray as reported. Andrews' featherweight flash, Sugar Ray Delgado, victored in his two northern bouts, beating Joe DeSoso in a sixer at Fort Hamilton and whipping Tommy Monty in eight at New Brunswick, N. J.

Boxing news and results in the South are carried in this column. Address all notes and info to Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville 8, Florida. Am in good position to book fighters in Jacksonville, Miami, Tampa, etc. Would like to take fighters under my wing—those unattached. Send full particulars, photos and record. Mail will be answered.

Al Reid, 142, upset Hal Meredith, 137, in the eight-round main encounter at Savannah. Hal wasn't the same Meredith who displayed before Georgia fans and took punishment from the Carolinian. Billy Dyer, rapidly becoming Savannah's chief card, defeated a good opponent in Tommy Gargano, 156, to Billy's 148. It was an eight-heater. Johnny Britenbruk, 148, drew in six with Red Douglas, 153. Jimmy Martin, 144, fought a good draw in six with Billy Richards, 139. This card, arranged by Co-promoters Buster White and Pinkie Lou Masters was another swell attraction for the large crowd that attended.

Billy Moore, classy welterweight, added another good win to his list. The kid of 20 years defeated Joey Raymond, a veteran who can still deal with the best in Dixie. Billy beat Joey in a close match at Miami Beach's Flamingo Park, a ten-rounder, Ralph Callutti, rising 150-pound Beach battler, won by a kayo over Ferell Norris, 147, Tampa, in the first. In the semi, Roy Evans, another promising Floridian from Tampa, outpointed Jack Patton in a middleweight scrap, eight rounds. Ted Mackin halted Joe Ferullo, welters, in the fourth.

Babe Saunders kayoed Eddie Seymour in the second at Asheville, N. C. Both are middleweights. Snooks Howard, lightie, took a sixer from Dick Driver. Johnny Dawn kayoed Bob Buckley in the fourth of a heavyweight match. Bill Corbitt stopped Joe Letterman in the second of a middleweight go, and Mark Reid stopped Dick Pearl in round three. Both welters.

Tampa fans again felt the need of a State Boxing Commission as Manny Gomez, local welterweight, ran out of his scheduled fight with Billy Moore. Joe Parsons subbed for Gomez, but was no competition for the Miami boy wonder. Parsons went out in the second. In the semi, Joey Raymond, in the midst of a great comeback, scored a kayo over Stackey Rowe, or Irish Jackie Hogan, in the fourth. The winner weighed 140 and the loser 142. Baby Joe Diaz, 121, beat Paul Bustamante, 115, in a sweet sixer, while Roy Evans, 165, beat Sonny Hope, 157, in another six-heater. Ray Dundee, 117, kayoed Tony Rojo, 118, in the fourth.

Al Reid was given a three-round T.K.O. over Hal Meredith at Savannah, his second win over the latter. Hal suffered a cut eye and was in no condition to continue. Red Douglas used a good left hook to triumph over Johnny Britenbruk in a welterweight affair. Johnny Martin stopped Lou Brown in the fifth of an excellent middleweight fight over which the crowd went wild. Jack Carroll of Jacksonville had too much for Sammy Reid and took a sixer. Both are lighties. A Negro middleweight bout went to Kid Williams over Elmer Elrick in four. It was another fine card by Promoters White and Masters.

Billy Moore left-jabbed his way to a victory over Billy Peterson in a hard-fought ten-rounder at Flamingo Park, Miami Beach. Both are welters. Ralph Callutti exploded a right and left on Manny Gomez's chin and kayoed the Tampan in the sixth of another welter offering. Hank Roque, Tampa lightie, stopped Irish Jackie Hogan (Stackey Rowe) in the sixth. Blondie Baggett, 132, won a four-rounder over Joe Ferullo, 135, and Danny Martin, 161, Miami, beat Meyer Seigal, 164, in six.

Joey Raymond, Tampa vet, surprised with an upset over Clarence "Cotton" King, West Palm Beacher, in Miami's Biscayne Arena feature ten. Raymond, at 141, was a 2½ to 1 underdog, but his spurt resulted in a unanimous decision. King, 144½. The semi between Johnny Dyson, 141, and Chris Cedus, 137½, was given to Dyson after Cedus refused to come out for the eighth and final round. Both used dirty tactics, which didn't go over with the fans. The winner's purse was held up and he was barred for unsportsmanlike tactics. Bobby Elliot, 140, took a four-rounder from Rocky Cedus, 149. Frank Segrist, 154, stopped Kid Gordon, 159, in three, and Ernest Nogues, 129, fought a draw with Joey Davis, 126, in another four-spot.

"Pee Wee" Flores, Tampa featherweight, won a decision over Orlando Fernandez in Tampa. In the semi, Roy Evans, Bill Long's good middleweight prospect, took a close decision over Johnny Dupree in an eighter. Ray Jackson got a two-round kayo win over Maxie Turner, both welters. Battling Oscar won from Charlie Stokes in a lightweight go. Ralph Hughes was given a four-round T.K.O. when Larry Lynn suffered a bad cut underneath his eye.

Eddie Boden, Miami Beach light-heavy, stopped Johnny Dawn, 175, in the fourth at Miami. Boden is the best light-heavy prospect in the South, with no losses, a draw and ten wins.

Young Jess Willard, 143, Orlando welter, knocked out Johnny Dawson, 145, of St. Petersburg, in the fourth round of a featured bout in Orlando, Florida. Battling Oscar of Tampa and Davey John, Jacksonville, went to a draw in a fast bout that amused the customers. (No mention of rounds given.) Tony Rojo, Tampa, and Carl McKinney, Jacksonville, went to a six-round draw in the semi-spot. Jimmy Fido, Pine Castle, stopped Kayo Kid, Orlando, in the fourth. Battling Frazier and Wildcat Stokes fought to a draw and Danny Brazeaile, Jacksonville, put the stopper on Clayton Salters in the third of a good scrap.

Eddie Boden, light-heavyweight prospect from Miami, had too many guns for Johny Decker, Albany, N. Y., gamester, and the Southerner scored a three-round T.K.O. over the former paratrooper at the Biscayne Arena, Miami. Bob Timpson, 154, Youngstown, Ohio, took the eight-round semi from Ralph Hughes, Tampa, 161-pounder, in a nicely fought contest. Hughes dropped Bob in the last chapter, but this wasn't enough. Jack Pone, 134, New York, stopped Jerry Sims, 142½, Kansas City, in the second. Joey Davis, Lancaster, Penn., 135, put the chiller on Georgie Rojo, 127, Tampa, in the second heat. Davis is Homer Garlin, Lancaster amateur ace now turned pro. Bob Elliot, Miami, 139, halted Baby Chino, Tampa, 135, in the second round also.

There's a good featherweight tossing leather down Miami way. He is Homer Garlin of Lancaster, Penn., who was one of the ace amateurs at the St. Joe's Boxing Club in pre-war days. After his discharge, Garlin trekked South and entered the professional field several months ago. To date Homer, now boxing as Joey Davis, has a record of three knockouts, and a decision win; one draw and a loss via the stop route. The loss suffered was to Irish Jackie Hogan, a Pittsburgher, who also competes as Stackey Rowe, and a welterweight at that. We have a prediction that Garlin will still be a much better fighter when he accustoms himself to our climate. Tall and rangy, he carries a pretty good punch, also has a nice style of boxing.

Several days after the 116th Field Artillery Boxing Commission called the second fight between Orlando Fernandez and Pee Wee Flores a "no contest," the decision was revised and Orlando was given credit for a six-round knockout. Battling Oscar stopped Paul Rojo in the third of a lightweight go; Tony Rojo put the T.K.O. on Al Martinez in two; Ernie Nogues kayoed Manuel Pintoto in 2; Joey Mandell took a six-round decision from Larry Lynnin, a welter clash, and Ralph Hughes beat Pete Norriega in another sixer, both middleweights.

Miami has another new ace scrapper in the form of Ralph Callutti (Calautti), who beat Billy Peterson in a ten-rounder at Miami Beach. Ralph won before a packed house, thus giving him the privilege of engaging in top billings. It was Calluti's first ten-rounder, Eddie Boden, 171, Miami Beach, kayoed Johnny Bowden, not Jim Bowden, as the papers had it, in the first round. Johnny tipped 165½. Bob Elliot, 140, stopped Ted Mackin, 144, in the second because of a cut eye, and Meyer Seigal, 160, did the same to Danny Martin, 160, because of a cut eye.

Bulldog Camagueyano, making Tampa his home, is one of the finest crowd-pleasers in the South today. There is always a good house to see him in action. Before a near-capacity crowd that disregarded rainy weather, he won a one-sided battle from Young Chino Alvarez, Tampa, in ten rounds. Both are lightweights. Johnny Dupree, Tampa, was an easy winner over Sonny Hope, St. Petersburg, in the semi six. Blondy Baggett, a nice prospect, made Georgie Rojo quit in four rounds after a real fight. They are lighties. Maxie Turner kayoed Ray Jackson in a welterweight duel, the end coming in the first. Battling Oscar win a four-rounder from Ferlito Castillio, and Tony Rojo scored a knockout over Bob Alonzo.

Tommy Gomez, Tampa, Fla., heavyweight, knockout artist, knocked out Phil Muscato and Jimmy Q. White in Buffalo, both in the first round.

Buddy Rose, Tampa battler, lost decisions to Joe Bennett and "Mad Anthony" Jones. . . . Buddy Scott, Jacksonville heavyweight, split decisions with Bill Peterson in Oklahoma rings, and knocked out Herb Jones in six elsewhere. . . . Georgie Abrams, former top man among the middleweight contenders, beat Johnny Lawer in ten, and then fought a draw with Jimmy Mandell in the same distance. . . . Jock Leslie, Flint, Mich., featherweight, kayoed Augie Lapara in five at New Orleans. . . . Elmer "The Violent" Ray, Hastings, Fla., heavyweight, keeps knocking 'em out. His latest victim was Earl Lowman, who went out in three.

Biff Holstein, Jacksonville fight manager, has added another local youngster to his stable. Mickey Dunn, a featherweight, who is winning steadily, is Biff's new boy. Jackie Blount, lightweight, is his other ace. . . . Freddie Archer, 146½, got a ten-round decision over Patsy Spataro, 144½, in New Orleans. . . . Johnny Thomas, Fort Lauderdale heavyweight, was stopped in seven by Natie Mann. . . . Blondie Baggett, Tampa lightweight; Roy Evans, middleweight from the same city; Ralph Callutti (Calautti), a Miami Beach welterweight Eddie Boden, a light-heavy from Miami, are the latest prospects in Florida. . . . Thanks to Sergio Delgado of Tampa for the corrections he sent to be made in Nat Fleischer's 1946 All Time Boxing Record Book. . . . New Orleans will have another Negro fight club running with Ripoll Roberts promoting and Joe August doing the matchmaking.

Bill Husen, Miami boxing fan, is a tremendous help in sending Magic City fight news and results. The same goes for Pete Andrews, Bill Long and Frank Newkirk, all of Tampa, and Buster White, Jr., with Pinkie Lou Masters of Savannah. . . . Floyd Shiflett, whom this writer is booking, is back home from the service and boxing again. He lost a disputed eight-round nod to Al Reid and trimmed Sid Rochester at Macon and Augusta, Ga., respectively. Floyd is a lightweight. . . . Doc Bradley, down in Miami, has several of the top Florida drawing cards and is doing okay.

Miami has a new fight promoter and he is one of the finest men in the boxing game, Dave White. Dave will be in Miami to stay as a fight promoter. In due time he will present the Magic City with shows that should boost the game.

The Miami Boxing Commission has barred Bobby Britton of that city from the sport due to Bobby "having a nervous affliction." The popular Miamian isn't giving up but intends to take up the matter with city officials.

The best featherweight in the South today is Chico (or Mario) Morales, a Havana whirlwind, now making Tampa home. This little Cuban Hurricane beat Pete Mirabella in Memphis, a ten-rounder, then trounced Al Gomez on June 4th, and Petey Bolos on the 12th. Each fight was a tenner and at Memphis. On the show with Morales and Bolos, another Tampan appeared in the semi-windup, Baby Joe Diaz, who drew in a six-rounder with Al Gomez, both featherweights.

Lefty LaChance, 127, Lisbon, Me., won in a ten-rounder at New Orleans over Mimmie Adragna, one of the scrappy Adragna boys of Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . Pete Andrews, Tampa fight manager, will handle Lee Sala, promising middleweight from Pennsylvania, when Sala turns to pro boxing. Andrews will have him down in Florida. . . . Promoter Al Nettlow, Jacksonville's new boxing impresario, and swell wife, Juanita, made the trip to New York to see the Joe Louis-Billy Conn fight. As did Mannie Begal, former fight manager; Abe Fletcher, local businessman, and Ed Corley, former successful fighter and later fight promoter.

At Savannah—Billy Dyer, Savannah's pleasing middleweight, met Tommy Gargano, formerly of Brooklyn, and again and again Billy showed the northerner who was the master. The Georgian scored a ten-round decision. A big attendance naturally pleased Co-promoters Buster White and Pinkie Lou Masters. Jack Lisle, Savannah welterweight, held the favored Al Reid to a draw in the semi-spot of six heats. Jackie Carroll, Jacksonville lightweight, who will bear watching, won a sixer from Sammy Reid. It was the second time they had met and the second triumph for Jackie. Harry Hamilton lost to Bert Williams, and a Negro bout saw Willie Lyner beating Joey Brown in a four-round opener.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By MARK FANNON

LEWISTON, ME.—Ted Drew, 152, Lewiston, started the month off right by outpointing rugged Eddie Letourneau, 151, for the Sanford boy's third successive loss.

Manchester, N. H.—Mad Anthony Jones, 168, Boston, knocked down Clint Perry, 166, Marston Mills, Mass., five times before the final count in the fifth. Perry proved a tough one and the two put up a whale of a scrap.

Curtis Lee, 171, Boston, kayoed veteran Frankie Burley, 170, Manchester, also in the fifth.

Salem—The Blonde Tiger, 130, Lowell, back after a short vacation, stepped in as a last minute substitute for Steve Kronis, and beat Bobby English, 129, of Fall River, in 10 rounds. Red Perkins, 140, Lynn, beat Steve Bellus, 136, Boston, in the six-round semifinal.

Worcester—Ray "Sugar" Robinson, 156½, of New York, leading contender for the middleweight title, appeared before the ring fans less than two rounds, when he stopped Freddy Wilson, 165½, Oakland, Cal., in round two. Frankie Ross, 149, Boston, outpointed Dolly King, 144, Holyoke, in 8. Mike Gagne, 178½, Spencer, kayoed Maurice Cloutier, 180, Fall River (2). Young Junior, 125, Holyoke, beat Billy Warren, 120, Fall River (6).

Fall River—Frankie Conti, 140, clever Haverhill boy, stopped rough and tough Maxie Starr, 143, Baltimore, in two rounds. Frankie, looking good, had the upper hand from the opening bell against the crowd-pleasing Indian. Benny Delgado, 139, Providence, put away Henry Scott, 141, another Negro lad from Cincinnati, in the third session.

Portland, Me.—Jimmy Nelson, 169, Providence, looked good in pounding out a 10-round win over tough Cleve Bailey, 163, Philadelphia.

Boston Garden—Dave Andrews, 140¼, Lowell favorite, made another hurdle over fast company when he won a 10-round decision over hard-punching Gus "Pell" Mell, 141½, Montreal kid. Fresh from a three-round K.O. over classy Johnny Cesario, Andrews pounded away so well in the middle rounds that he had enough of a lead to offset Mell's last round rallies.

Johnny Shkor, 218, giant Boston heavy, stopped Johnny Allen, 203, Philadelphia, in five rounds. Berry Wright, 146½, Cleveland, stopped Tom Spencer, 149, New Waterford, N. S., in five rounds. Roy Andrews, 134, Dave's brother, stopped Ray Vaughan, 137, Boston, in two heats.

Worcester—Al Costa, 149, Woonsocket, R. I., came off the floor to edge past Bill Tordiglione, 146, Boston, in 10 wild rounds. Costa was floored by a low blow in the second. He was then given a 10-minute rest before resuming the contest. Knocked down again in the third and fifth, Al rallied from then on to offset Bill's big lead.

Lou Burke, 142, Shrewsbury, won over Marty Pemba, 136, Boston (6). Charlie Celeste, 129, Boston, stopped Charley Kelley, 127, Toronto (4).

Lewiston, Me.—Young Ted Drew, 156, Lewiston, and Al Michaud, 148¼, Lisbon, battled to an eight-round draw.

Salem—Jack (Spider) Armstrong, 130, popular veteran of Toronto, whipped The Blonde Tiger, 130¼, Lowell, over the 10-round route. Armstrong almost put the Tiger away in the eighth with well-placed rights to the head, but he arose, and in the final two rounds came back full of fight to wind up good.

Bob Flanagan, 156, Boston, badly cut in the first frame, went on to beat low weaving and wild swinging Alex Rebark, 155, 31-year-old veteran of Pawtucket, R. I., in the eight-round semifinal.

Red Perkins, 141½, Lynn, kayoed Buddy Labbe, 140, Auburn, Me., in two. Chet Ross, 156, Beverly, kayoed Dave Butler, 149, Waterbury, Conn. (2).

Manchester, N. H.—Florient Desmarais, 134, newly crowned New England lightweight champion, defended his title (won three weeks ago) by disposing of Tommy Moore, 133, South Boston, in the second frame. Desmarais dropped Moore in the first and finished the job with a crushing left hook to the jaw in the second heat.

Walter Keene, 142, Manchester, outpointed Steve Bellus, 138, Toronto (6).

Bangor, Me.—Frankie Anderson, 162, Portland, halted Eddie Turner, 170, Bangor (5). Tommy Burns, 178, Hampden, won over Wendell Gallant, 176, Skowhegan (6).

Fall River—Gene Farland, 161, Providence southpaw, won a split decision over rangy Curtis Lee, 169, U. S. Army (8). Lee came along strong in the closing chapters, almost upsetting Farland's winning streak of 26. Francis Leonard, 133, Taunton, former amateur star, stopped Al Bolduc, 138, Lewiston, Me., in the fourth of the twin eight.

Worcester—Andy Faison, 142, Brooklyn Negro boy, surprised boxing fans in beating Frankie Conti, 138, Haverhill, over the 10-round route.

Red Perkins, 140, Lynn, beat Lou Burke, Worcester, in the six-round semifinal. Frankie Lombardi, Marlboro, knocked out Dave Butler, Waterbury, in the third.

Salem—Fighting before a small crowd, due to the extreme warm weather, Joe Celetti, 136, Providence, came on from behind to kayo Al Lewis, 131, Boston, in the fifth frame. Lewis planted some fine rights to the jaw that buckled Celetti's legs, but he stood his ground and finally disposed of Lewis with a punch to the solar plexus.

Chet Ross, 154, Beverly, brought most of his friends along to see him outpoint "wrestler" Charlie Sardo, 155, Revere, in the six-round semifinal.

Bangor, Me.—Johnny Campbell, 138, Brewer, outpointed Leo Lott, 142, Cambridge (8). Johnny McGrath, 170, Roxbury, kayoed Eddie Turner, 172, Bangor (5).

Fall River—Mad Anthony Jones made it 15 straight wins as he punched Buddy Ross, 166, Tampa, Fla., around to take the 10-round decision. Benny Delgado, 139, Providence, kayoed Joe Gillis, 136, Springfield (3).

Portland, Me.—Coley Welch, 163, Portland, N. E., middleweight king, outpointed Stanley (Baby) Sims, 167, New York (10). Charlie Celeste, 131, Boston, kayoed Willie Leo, 131, Portland (6).

Waterville, Me.—Norman See, 137, Quebec, won by disqualification over Bobby Pooler, 135, Portland (3).

Worcester—Charley Williams, 145, Newark, upset the dope in winning the 10-round decision over home town favorite Johnny Potenti, 149, Worcester (10). Bill Landry, 157½, Worcester, outpointed Kid Chocolate, 154, Puerto Rico (8). George Reneault, 132, Lowell, former amateur star, and Tony Ferry, 129, Fall River, drew (6).

Brunswick, Me.—Maurice Beauchene, 141, Brunswick, and Armand "Al" Michaud, 146, Lisbon, drew (8).

Salem—Leo Mucucci, 132, Portland, Me., had to come off the floor to beat tough Tommy "Red" Wells, 134½, Manchester, N. H. Mucucci almost out twice during the fight, came back to stop Wells in the eighth frame. A cut eye forced Wells to stop.

George (Red) Perkins, 139½, Lynn, dropped Chick Jones, 141, Boston, two, but he lasted the six rounds in a pleasing battle.

Manchester, N. H.—Florient Desmarais, 134, Manchester, pride of the state, won an unpopular decision over former featherweight champion (N.B.A.) Jackie Callura, 131½, Hamilton, Ont., over the 10-round route.

Bob Conway, 156, Manchester, stopped Mike Shaker, 157, Fall River (3).

Ring Notes—Eddie Rautenberg, former boxer who has returned as a trainer, is doing good work with The Blonde Tiger, "Red" Perkins and George Renault. . . . He is a good man to have in a corner. . . . Mad Anthony Jones is due to take on Tommy Sullivan, big Boston favorite, next month. . . . Fans have been talking about this one. . . . The first show at Dilboy Field this season for the amateurs drew more than many pro shows. . . . Fred Russo is at the helm here as he has been in the past, and stages shows weekly. . . . The extreme heat in New England which occurred for 10 days around the 4th of July, raised havoc with the indoor shows.

PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS
By FRANK T. McQUAIDE, JR.

FRITZIE ZIVIC has hung up the gloves, but he is still very much in the boxing limelight here, where he is busily engaged as a promoter at his own outdoor arena, Old Hickory Park, which he has renovated and renamed Zivic Arena.

Fritzie's initial offering of the season featured Tommy Yarosz of Monaca, Pa., and Warren Peterson of Chicago in a fast moving 10-round bout. Yarosz, younger brother of the former middleweight king, Teddy Yarosz, boxed beautifully to win the unanimous decision over his game and very rugged Windy City opponent. Tommy's jabs and right crosses found their mark time and again, but lacked the necessary steam to kayo the slower moving Peterson.

Tommy Yarosz weighed 168, Peterson 170.

The semifinal scheduled to go six rounds ended abruptly in 1 minute 31 seconds of the third round when Buddy Komar, 187, McKeesport, Pa., scored a sensational upset over Art Bomber Brown, 192, Pittsburgh, Pa. Komar bored in constantly and wore his opponent down, and the knockout, a hard right to the jaw coming so unexpectedly, has boosted Komar's rating in the territory considerably.

Another six rounder on this card saw Al Velez, 181, Mexico City, winning the unanimous decision over Speedy Williams, 181, Pittsburgh, Pa.

In four rounders, Irish Jerry Kiger, 147, Pittsburgh, won the unanimous decision over Alex Como, 147, Pittsburgh, Pa. George Clark, 172, Pittsburgh, floored for a nine count in the first round, forged ahead to win the decision over Ben Skelton, 170, Pittsburgh.

Rich Callura, 133, Pittsburgh, decisioned Bobby Euring, 130, Pittsburgh, four rounds. And Al Thornton, 155, Pittsburgh, was very impressive in scoring a T.K.O. over Benny Urso, 148, Washington, Pa., in 1 minute 2 seconds of round three in the scheduled four-round curtain raiser.

Fritzie Zivic and Henry Armstrong met at Zivic Arena, but not as contestants. Fritzie was there as the promoter of the show, and Armstrong as manager of Roy Miller of Kansas City, who was featured.

Miller had as his opponent rugged Eddie Finazzo of Baltimore. The bout came to a sudden halt after 2 minutes and 38 seconds of the fifth round when the sharp-punching Miller finally cornered the elusive Finazzo and dropped him to the canvas with a barrage of lefts and rights to the head and body.

Roy Miller weighed 159, Finazzo 158.

Levi Southall, 146, Kansas City, also a protege of the great Henry Armstrong, mixed it with Willie Jenkins, 147, Homestead, Pa., in the scheduled 10-round semifinal, and did they mix it.

Jenkins floored Southall for a nine count early in the first round; a solid right to the jaw did the trick. Upon regaining his feet Southall hung on for dear life for the remainder of that round and most of the second. In the third, Levi began to snap out of it and the bout speeded up to a terrific pace.

Jenkins was still a little ahead on points going into the seventh, but presently a hard right to Willie's jaw put him down and out. The time 2 minutes 9 seconds of the seventh round.

In a scheduled six rounder, Charley Young Zivic, 152, Pittsburgh, kayoed Jimmy Bagamery, 152, Zelionople, Pa., in 55 seconds of the fourth round. At the time of the knockout Zivic was well ahead of his game young opponent.

Cab Calloway, 149, Pittsburgh, beat out a T.K.O. over Irish Chuck McLaughlin, 145, McKeesport, Pa., in 1 minute 55 seconds of round three of a scheduled four rounder. And Bolten Ford, 134, Homestead, Pa., thoroughly outclassed Teddy Pritchard, 139, Pittsburgh, by garnering a T.K.O. in 2 minutes 51 seconds of round two of the scheduled four-round opener.

Joe Brusco, matchmaker at the Zivic Arena, hit the jackpot when he featured this district's two outstanding welterweights, Sammy Adragna of Carnegie, Pa., and Sammy Secreet from Cecil. Followers of both boys jammed Fritzie Zivic's fight bowl to capacity.

Shortly after the bout got under way, Adragna, stocky, rugged and hard hitting, moved ahead by landing the more telling blows on the taller, rangier Secreet, who just didn't seem to hit hard enough to slow up his powerful young opponent. Adragna was in perfect condition and never backed up. He moved in constantly with short lefts and rights to the body and he wore down his adversary.

Secreet fought gamely and in spurts, but his well-aimed blows didn't seem to faze the determined Adragna, who was awarded the unanimous decision.

Adragna weighed 147, Secreet 147.

In the six-round semifinal, Allen Thomas, 140, Pittsburgh, and Al Diaz, 144, Detroit, Mich., fought a whale of a fight which had the fans standing several times expecting a knockout by either boy. The bout see-sawed back and forth all the way and found Thomas emerging the victor by a close decision.

Another six rounder between Charley Daniels, 149, Pittsburgh, and Harvey Dubs, 151, Ontario, Canada, was declared a draw and the fans booed lustily. It was a very close bout and the pair will be rematched at an early date.

The third six rounder saw Georgie Clark, 172, Pittsburgh, hammer out a unanimous decision over Charley Brant, 174, Somerset, Pa.

Tony Malco, 138, Pittsburgh, easily decisioned Ronnie Moore, 140, Johnstown, Pa., four rounds, and Richie Callura, 133, Pittsburgh, kayoed Kid Tagg, 128, McKees Rocks, Pa., in 27 seconds of the first round of the scheduled four-round curtain raiser.

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WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By MICKEY DAVIES

INQUIRIES have been received by your reporter recently as to the whereabouts of several "nose bashers" about the Mountain State, who are no longer active in the game. Bob Martin, AEF champ in World War I, now lives at Nitro, West Va. . . . Johnny Edwards, a name flyweight a few years back, resides at Dunbar. . . . Johnny Roberts is employed by a nitery in the little Ohio town of Chesapeake. . . . Bobby Grant still in Charleston. . . . Likewise, Holly Allen, Pee Wee Carney, Curly Kilbane, Jack Kearns, Don Sansom, Frankie Ryan, Billy Williams, Bill Manly. . . . Ed Barry and Earl Adkins living in Los Angeles, Calif. . . . Louis (Kid) Cook in nearby Hollywood. . . . Howard and Jimmy Smith down Kentucky way. . . . Kid Monk calls Portsmouth, Ohio, his home these days. . . . Freddie Hill as well. . . . Bobby Powell is employed by a railway in Cleveland. . . . The Colombo boys, Jimmy and Frank, are in business in Clarksburg. . . . Buddy McArthur working in Fairmont. . . . Dick McDonie just back from Phoenix, Ariz. . . . Denny Beckner fronting a dance band on the West Coast at present. . . . and doing very well, incidentally. . . . Custer Perry now lives in the resort city of Asheville, N. C. . . . Paul Ogre still in Moundsville. . . . Harry DeVore, Kid Laymon, Speed Laymon, Jack Sheppard, Dick Fogue, Jimmy Perdue, Lonnie Bowden, Bill Edge, Frankie Moore, Jimmy Johnson, Jack Sharkey, Earl Marple, John Parker, Tommy Thuma, Buzzy Keefer, Bobby LaLance, Pat Scanlon, Johnny Brizendine, Pud Perdue and others of the old school making Huntington their residence. . . . Willie Yap and Benny Adams, deceased. . . . K.O. Powers making Baltimore his home. . . . Kid Williams also. . . . Louis "Bing" Cook out Fargo, N. D., way. . . . Tony LaGore over Jersey City way. . . . Red Akers at St. Louis. . . . Pal Moore in Dayton, Ohio. . . . Brother Eddie employed in Columbus. . . . Russ Rowsey moved from Florida to the state of Ohio.

Bobby Kinder is out of action for a while due to a jaw injury sustained in his tilt with Pat Iacobucci recently.

Tommy Saunders, Fairmont welterweight and a star amateur performer, has now turned his attention to the professional side of the game. Tommy is handled by your writer.

Flashing form that earned him a top berth among the light-heavies a few years back, Mose Brown, 172, kayoed Willie Gaines, 169, Cincinnati, in the fourth canto at Huntington's Radio Center Arena. The lanky Gaines was downed three times. The end came after two minutes of the fourth.

Sammy Angott, former king of the lightweights, came in from Washington, Pa., with two winners in Marion Kliningsmith and Al Guertero. Klingingsmith, a middleweight, out-blasted Max Watkins of Cincinnati in the six-frame semi-final. Guertero, a whirlwind lightweight, copped the unanimous decision over local boy, Sterling Willey, in one of the best contests ever held here. This bout was also for six rounds. Ellis Burks and Tee Baby Redman, two fast-stepping lightweights, fought a furious four-rounder with Burks getting the nod. Both boys are service veterans. The opener started off slow, but turned out to be a real alley scrap. Horace Chambers looked very good in besting Eddie Barnes in four heats. The referee, John Rowsey, and the promoter, Dick Pogue.

Billy Jackson was stopped by Toughy Gib Jones in Cincinnati recently. Jimmy Howard, local heavy, is now boxing out of Baltimore. Jim chalked up seven straight wins while in this neck of the woods. Johnny Brizendine, a good welter in his day, was injured badly in an auto accident in Chesapeake, Ohio, recently. The Mountain State prospect of the month is Sterling Willey.

Yep, Charley Banks did it again! The Cincinnati clouter moved into Radio Center, Huntington, on June 24th, to blast into oblivion one Harry Daniels of Brooklyn. The finis came after one minute and 50 seconds of the seventh chukker. Although the Flatbush fighter proved very little opposition for Banks, he did manage to deck the Ohio Negro for a count of four in the second frame. The Daniels scrap marked the seventh showing here of Cloutin' Charley, who has registered four kayoes and three decisions in a period of six months.

The six-round semi was a whirlwind contest with Sterling Willey, 133, and Al Ingram, 133, battling to a standstill. Willey was a red hot favorite to cop the duke over the Logan County boy, but as it ended, Sterling was fortunate to get a draw. Johnny Protan, 119, and Ralph Rogers, 122, two former Golden Glovers, and both good boys incidentally, slugged to a six-round draw. This was a nip-and-tuck battle from the opening gong, and both gladiators were badly worn at the conclusion.

Carl Simmons, Cincinnati lightweight, had to go all out to beat Jimmy Motley, who was subbing for Harvey Mitchell. This was a four-canto scrap. Frankie Mayo, 140, Cincinnati, took less than two minutes to chill Horace Chambers, 138, Huntington, in the opening four-rounder.

Some 2000 fans turned out to witness this show, which marked the second promotion venture of Dick Pogue, Huntington sportsman.

The Radio Center Club in Huntington announced recently a new plan of operation. Following their June 24th show the club decided to run every Monday night. Good talent is needed here; managers and fighters desiring work in Huntington should contact either your writer or Jack Sheppard at 830 7th Avenue, Huntington, West Va. Please enclose records of latest fights, along with photos, etc.

Sparky Reynolds, former local amateur star, recently underwent a serious ear operation in Indianapolis. Sparky will probably appear on a Huntington bill in the near future.

Mose Brown continued on his merry winning way at Radio Center, Huntington, on July 1, by chilling Nick Torres of Puerto Rico in the second chukker. This marked the sixth straight kayo for the local light-heavy, who seems to improve with time. Tommy Saunders, 145, Fairmont, flashed much class in beating rugged Bob Echart, 147, Cincinnati, in the six-frame semi-windup. Tommy looks like a real comer. Eddie Jewell, 175, stopped Bill Mason, 174, in the second canto of a slated six. Billy Weeks, local heavyweight, disposed of Tony Kimbrough in the fifth. Both boys were badly used up at the finish. John Rowsey and Glenn Banfield shared referee duties.

Roy Worchester, Huntington heavyweight, was sapped by Buddy Komar in Pittsburgh. Another gym was opened in Charleston recently by Charles "Turk" Hall of the Capitol City. Hall has handled some very good boys in his time and has some very good prospects working in the new club. News of interest would be appreciated by your writer. Address, Mickey Davies, 830 Seventh Avenue, Huntington, West Va.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

JOCK LESLIE, the blond Michigan kayo artist, eliminated Augie Lapara as a feather contender by scoring a technical five-round kayo over Lapara at the Pelican Stadium on June 24. Lapara in a previous bout had gone the distance with Leslie.

Leslie and Lapara drew a net gate of $7633. Jock and Freddie Archer are the top drawing cards for Promoter Louis Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond with Mimmie and Sammy Adragna and Maurice "Lefty" La Chance, Promoter Heard Ragas' best attractions.

Emile Bruneau, who was associated with Ragas as his matchmaker, has split up with Ragas. Bruneau has applied for a promoter's license and expects to team with a local cafe and restaurant proprietor. Harold Buckley, who was the press agent for Ragas and Bruneau, will act as assistant to Ragas in his promotions and also handle the publicity.

Ashton Donza, one-time star of the bantams in the amateur and professional game, has become one of the outstanding referees here. Donza handled the Leslie-Lapara bout.

Maurice "Lefty" LaChance, Lisbon, Me., southpaw, defeated Mimmie Adragna in ten rounds at the Coliseum Arena, with Promoter Heard Ragas staging the battle. LaChance was too experienced for the young Pittsburgh featherweight and won decisively.

Promoter Ragas and Matchmaker Emile Bruneau staged a ten-round bout between Louis Rousse and Bennie Droll, Chicago, Ill. Rousse was the winner by a decision in a slow bout. Ben Montalbano, Birmingham, Ala., welterweight, decisioned Al LaBarba, New York welterweight, on the same card. Montalbano is managed by Mickey Genaro, former professionel fighter.

Jack Russo, former French Market lightweight fighter, who campaigned around New York many years ago, has a good prospect in Nick Guagliardo, French Market 147-pounder. Nick is a southpaw and a deadly hitter. Guagliardo knocked out Knute "Buster" Baker in one round and also stopped Larry Lane.

Richard (Young) Polite, New Orleans junior welterweight, scored a nine-round knockout over local Melvin Bartholomew in a scheduled ten-round bout staged by Promoter Louis Messina and Matchmaker Louis Chattard. Polite made his first start here in years. Bartholomew got off to a flying start in the first round, winning it handily, but Polite started to take charge from the second round on, and at the end of the eighth round Bartholomew's handlers tossed in the towel while Melvin was sitting in the corner. He had taken a good lacing in the two final rounds.

Polite injured his hand and will be unable to box for several weeks. Richard had been campaigning in New England rings under the management of Paul Gray, former local Negro matchmaker. Messina plans on using Polite as soon as his hand injury heals.

Louis Rousse, hard-hitting local middleweight, was married Sunday, July 21, to Miss Doris Mae Brenckle at the Holy Trinity Church. A reception was held following the marriage at the American Legion Home, 2441 North Claiborne Street.

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BOXING AND WRESTLING IN EDMONTON AND CALGARY, CAN.
By WALT MARLOW

VISITING Edmonton during the latter part of June, Ernie Farr, Calgary boxing promoter, made it quite obvious to the writer that with the war now over, and more and more men being released from the Service every day, boxing's future in Western Canada was definitely a bright one.

Stretching from Winnipeg through to Vancouver, there are approximately 100 fighters who have impressive records, and with all Western Canada titles at stake excepting the middleweight crown, which was won by Ray Colling back in May, the field is ripe for promoters who have the right conditions favoring them for such a title bout.

Farr, to date, has proven himself one of the leading promoters in the West. He has staged two title bouts, and five good crowd pleasing shows. His first title venture, for the Western Canada welterweight crown, featured Benny Geary and Tommy Deschambeault, with Geary winning on a foul. His next deal was the Ray Colling-Tommy Deschambeault middleweight championship affair, held in May, with Colling scoring a tenth-round T.K.O. to win the title.

With the winter fistic season rapidly approaching, Farr is making plans for more such shows, and with his promotional experience, they'll undoubtedly prove successful.

Calgary, June 17—Rocky Wagner, considered something of a knockout artist, tasted his first pro defeat when Joe Trudeau, a leading light-heavyweight contender from Winnipeg, met Wagner at the bell with a barrage of punches, and before the fight was two minutes old, had Rocky on the canvas for the count in a scheduled 10-rounder.

In the preliminary attractions, Billy Green drew with Jimmy O'Gryzlo in six; Tommy Campbell decisioned Shifty McLellan in four; Eddie Helm K.O.'ed Chuck Hampton in 2; Laddie Dawn drew with Billy Mayer in four.

Winner of the Dr. Birch trophy, and judged the best fighter of the night, was Tommy Campbell, whose masterful boxing exhibition with Shifty McLellan was nothing less than sensational.

Edson, Alberta, July 1—Stan Phillips, Canadian Legion, Edson, gave the boxing fans of one of Alberta's leading fight towns their first fight card in many years when he "cooked up" a masterful five-bout card that had action written all over it.

Arranged as part of the yearly Dominion Day celebration, Jack Berry, clever Edmonton middleweight, scored a three-round T.K.O. over Ted Warton, hard-punching Edson pugilist. Fighting cautiously, Berry used a good left jab to advantage and in the in-fighting, was nothing less than superb. For Perry the win was his third successive in pro ranks.

The semi-windup attraction saw Georgie McGuire of Edmonton decision Dick Pyper of Edson in four. Both tipping the scales at 135, the fight was a good one, and a return engagement between these two would be a natural.

Displaying an exceptionally good left hand, Dusty Rhodes of Edmonton dropped a split decision to Izzy Warton of Edson in a crowd thriller that could easily have been termed a draw, in one of the four-round attractions.

The remaining two bouts, which featured local fighters, saw Ted Iley score a second-round kayo over Ray Ryson in a middleweight event, while in the curtain raiser, Sandy Gerley and Sam Trand battled to a three-round draw.

Since the return of boxing to Edson was so sensational, drawing a crowd of 1200, Promoter Phillips plans on an Edson boxing club, sponsored by the Canadian Legion. Aspiring pugilists in or around Edson are asked to contact the Canadian Legion. Lee Armstrong, former pro prior to the war, aids in the instruction department.

SHORT JABS—The Edmonton Amateur Boxing and Wrestling Association meets every third Wednesday in the month. . . . The sale of the Empire Theatre in Edmonton leaves the Capital City without a place to hold shows. It is highly possible that the American Red Cross building will be used for small cards, and the Arena for outstanding presentations.

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FIGHTS IN PHOENIX
By LARRY JONAS

TONY MARTIN still reigns as the heavyweight champion of Arizona. The big, lumbering Negro battler put his diadem on the line against Tommy Gunns, and for two rounds he wished he hadn't. Gunns, a Chicago boy, had the champ missing badly in the first two frames, but came round three and Tony made short shrift of his opponent. A series of lefts and rights to the head marked the beginning of the end for the challenger, and a hard left hook, a moment later, proved to be the payoff punch. Martin weighed in at 205, and Gunns scaled 192.

On the same card, Folly Villages, 137, gained a disputed decision over Charlie Salas in six. On the writer's scorecard, Villages walked off with four rounds. It's becoming more and more patent that local boxing needs qualified judges and a shakeup in the ranks of the Phoenix Athletic Commission, if the sport is to survive here.

Other matches on the card saw Alex Rivers, 129, beating Joe Navarez, 122, in six. Billy Shelton, 144, copped the duke from Red Train, 140, derailing him in a four-rounder. Milo Leyvas K.O.'ed Duke Martin in the last canto of another four-round scrap. Both are welterweights.

Lew Taylor, one-time lightweight contender, a fighter who fought the best in his day, including Leonard, Tendler, et al., is now handling the El Centro boxing stable of Bantamweight Champion Manuel Ortiz.

Billy Hale is finding it tough going in these parts. He recently dropped a one-sided decision to El Tigre de Cananea, and in a redeeming move, was carded to meet Folly Villages. Folly, however, was in an automobile accident and as a result El Tigre was put in against him as a last-minute substitute. The eight-round bout was virtually a duplicate of their first encounter, with the Mexican again walking off with the verdict.

On the same card, Charlie Salas, 142½, K.O.'ed Ray Bonzara in the second round. Bonzara scaled 144. Billy Sparks and Joe Navarez, bantamweights, fought a six-round draw. Another draw marked the four-rounder between Lynn Harrison, 166, and Willie Williams, 153. In the opener, Billy Shelton, 143, disposed of Pete Rodriquez, 142, via the K.O. route in the fifth.

A recapitulation of the local boxing situation since Promoter Hank Krakover took over, about four months ago, shows the attendance and the gate to be on the up and up. Average receipts are now around the $2000 mark, as compared to the previous mean mark of $800. Attendance has soared to an average of 1300 every Friday night, besting the previous average of around 400.

The sensational Kid Hermosillo, the biggest draw here in recent years, continued his winning ways by decisioning Tommy Gunns. At 174, the Kid spotted Gunns 13½ pounds, but went on to win as he pleased. Previously, Hermosillo T.K.O.'ed Gunns in five. The Kid took six of the eight rounds on your writer's scorecard, losing two because of low blows.

The semi-final bout between "Cowboy" Doug Smith and Reyes Madero, welterweights, resulted in a K.O. in the fifth for the cowboy. In a second welterweight fracas, Gabe Peralta rocked Manuel Silva to sleep in the fifth. El Tigre de Cananea, 139, drew with Irving Steen, 139½, in an added six-rounder. It was a poor decision, since Steen was easily the better of the two. In the opener, Milo Leyvas and Ernest Brenner, welterweights, mixed it up, with Leyvas winning by a T.K.O. in the third.

George Goldstein, formerly of New York, is now training the local boxers and is doing an outstanding job for the boys under his jurisdiction. He is also about the best second now going business at the local Madison Square Garden.

Tony Martin fared better in his second bout against Kid Hermosillo than in their first encounter, in which Tony went out in the first round. Martin went all the way this time, making certain that his chin was tucked under his shoulder during all eight rounds. At 207, Tony outweighed the Kid by 30 pounds, but Hermosillo was the aggressor all the way and won as he pleased. It was pretty much on the dull side.

The extra special event between Welterweights Folly Villages and El Tigre de Cananea went to the latter. All six rounds were packed with plenty of dash, but El Tigre chalked up a big lead that Folly couldn't overcome, although the El Centro, Calif., boy took the last two rounds. Folly is one of the most pleasing boxers ever to show here, although he's usually rubbed the wrong way on decisions. Edgar Robinson, 160, easily defeated Charlie Bazaan, 171, in a special six-rounder that was dull all the way. Charlie Salas, 144, disposed of Horseshoe Moreno, 139, in the first round. Bill Shelton, 141, decisioned Milo Leyvas, 138, in the opening four.

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RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By SELSSO TIBORRO

BOXING was staged regularly throughout the month of June here, with the exception of one Saturday when there was no show on account of illness of one of the star prize fighters.

A good prospect in the lightweight division is Paulino Montes.

All the shows in Mexico took place at the Coliseo as follows:

June 1—Chucho Ruiz, 138, and Lupe Gonzales, also 138, were scheduled for a ten-rounder, but in the seventh the fight was stopped and declared no contest. The judges thought it lacked sufficient action. In the semifinal, Eduardo Serratos, 125, stopped Felipe Trejo Luna, also 125, in four. Luis Arguelles, 137, knocked out Antonio Aznar, 134, in two.

June 5—Luis Torres, 134, decisioned Aurelio Cruz, 132, in 10. Aztudillo Kid, 143, technically knocked out Paco Acosta, 144, in eight.

June 8—Tony Mar, 135, second lightweight of Mexico, kayoed Henry Majcher, 135, an American boy, in the second round of the main event. Benjamin Prado, 134, T.K.O.'ed Pedro Ibarra in the ninth of a 10-round fight.

June 12—Paulino Montes, 135, stopped Filio Prado, 133, in the eighth of a 10-round event. Jose Luis Perez, 132, T.K.O.'ed Babe Maera, 129, also in the eighth round of a 10-round event.

June 15—Kid Azteca, welter champion of Mexico, K.O.'ed Babe Zavala, 148, in the second round of the main fight. Kid Filipino, 143, K.O.'ed Enrique Lopez, 142, in the fourth round of the semifinal.

June 19—Benjamin Prado, 135, technically stopped Bobby Pancho, 136, a Cuban Negro, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-rounder. Luis Arguelles, 137, K.O.'ed Aztudillo Kid, 142, in the eighth of the semifinal.

June 26—Kid Filipino, 143, decisioned Alejandro Vega, 147, in 10. El Conscripto, 141, also decisioned Enrique Lopez, 141, in 10. Tony Guadalajara, 133, drew with Tino Leon, 135, in 10.

Paulino Montes, 134, decisioned Luis Torres, 135, in 10 in an excellent fight. Luis Reyes, 114, decisioned Kuko Ortiz, 116, in 10.

TAMPA AND VICINITY
By VELASQUES

MIAMI—Billy Moore, 145, Montreal, defeated Billy Petersen, 149, Billings, Mont., in ten rounds. Ralph Calutti, 149, Miami, knocked out Manny Gomez, 146, Tampa, in six rounds.

Tampa—Pee Wee Flores, Tampa, won a ten-rounder from Orlando Fernandez, Havana. Flores was awarded four rounds on low blows struck by Fernandez. Roy Evans and Johnny Dupree, Tampa, middleweights, fought eight rounds with Evans winning the decision. Max Turner, St. Pete, stopped Ray Jackson, Tampa, in two. Battling Oscar, Tampa, won a close four-rounder from Charles Stokes, Tampa. Ralph Hughes, Tampa, stopped Larry Lynn, Tampa, in four.

Chico Morales, Havana, defeated Pete Bolos, Detroit, in a ten-rounder at Memphis. Baby Joe Diaz, Tampa, drew with Al Gomez, Los Angeles, in a six-rounder.

Tampa—Bulldog Camagueyano, Havana, won a one-sided ten-rounder from Young Chino Alvarez, Tampa. Alvarez won only the first and sixth rounds. Both boys punched lightly and fought at close range most of the time. Johnny Dupree, Tampa, easily outpointed Sonny Hope, St. Pete, in a six-rounder after spotting him the first two rounds. Blondy Bagget, Tampa, stopped George Rojo in four. Max Turner, St. Pete, again knocked out Ray Jackson, Tampa, this time in one round. Battling Oscar, Tampa, defeated Ferlito Castillo, Tampa, in a four-rounder. Tony Rojos, Tampa, knocked out Bob Alonzo, Tampa.

Orlando Fernandez, Havana, and Pee Wee Flores, Tampa, put on a fast and furious bout for four rounds with honors about even. In the fifth round both boys slugged it out at close quarters. Flores dropped to the canvas claiming a foul. With the referee ignoring his claim, Flores arose at the count of six and finished the round in strong fashion. In the sixth Flores again dropped, claiming a foul and was counted out and carried to his corner apparently the victim of a knockout. After a 30-minute word battle by seconds, officials and fans, Fernandez was ordered to return to the ring and continue the bout. Fernandez refused to return and Commissioner Hesterly then called the bout no contest. Battling Oscar knocked out Paul Rojo in the third. Tony Rojo knocked out Al Martinez in the second. Ernest Nogues knocked out Manuel Pinto in the second. Joey Mandell won over Larry Lynn in six and Ralph Hughes decisioned Pete Norriega in six.

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WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

HUBERT GAGNIER, 19 years old boxer of Montreal, Canada, former Canadian Amateur Champ, is making a fine record as a pro. He scored six kayoes in eight fights, and is now fighting main bouts in Montreal. Gagnier is managed by L. P. Gagnier of 7854 Lajeunesse, Montreal, Canada, and Maurice Foreman. Foreman also manages Gus "Pell" Mell.

Irish Bobby McGuire, former welterweight boxer of Cliffside Park, N. J., is now a resident of Agawam, Mass. McGuire is running a gym in Agawam, and is teaching the youth of the town the art of boxing.

Emil Evans, a welterweight of Westover Field, boxed four fights at the Springfield Sports Club, winning them all. He beat Jack McCarty, K.O.'ed Red Cap Cooper, then stopped Mike Delnero in two, and the same night won over Red Cap Cooper.

Cecil O. Hart of West Palm Beach is doing the publicity for both the Springfield Sports, Inc., and the Thompsonville, Ct., semi-pro shows, and both places are having sellout crowds.

Al Caroly and George Sheppard are putting on good matches, each card exceeding the other in action.

Tommy Jessup received a fractured rib in the second round of his fight with George LaRover, which LaRover won by a K.O. in the seventh round.

Henry Jolly, former manager of Art Chapdelaine of Springfield, Mass., is now promoting boxing shows in Claremont, N. H.

Leo Bradley, manager of Joey Angela, was at the last two shows at West Springfield, Mass. Bradley managed Jackie Callura up to the feather ladder.

Ralph McNeil, a good bantamweight, of Springfield, Mass., is training daily at the Paramount gym, and looks very good.

Pittsfield, Mass., is drawing large crowds. Joe DeMaria, who resigned as matchmaker of the Valley Arena, Holyoke, Mass., is doing the matchmaking for the Berkshire Club. He is also promoting at Bristol, Conn. Boxers wishing to box in this section get in touch with the writer at 50 Carlton Avenue, Chicopee Falls, Mass. Send record and picture.

NORTH DAKOTA FLASHES
By DARWIN GOMER

BLAINE YOUNG, North Dakota middleweight, formerly of the Navy, is planning a professional career and is training under the direction of Emmett Weller at the Gibbons gym in St. Paul, Minn.

Billy Colbert, the new St. Paul promoter, made a success of his first show in the Saintly City; gate over $4000.

Yours truly was on hand to see Jackie Graves win an unpopular decision over Pete Virgin.

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IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

THE Indiana State Athletic Commission, following a policy adopted by THE RING Magazine, recently began a rating of boxers in the Hoosier State. Following is a list of champions and runners-up in each division:

Champion in the heavyweight bracket is Willard Reed of Indianapolis, who will defend his title against one of the following contenders: Johnny Denson and Colion Chaney of Indianapolis or Bill Peterson and Booker Beckwith of Gary.

Light-heavyweight kingpin is Tommy Charles of Terre Haute with Mel Workman of South Bend and Al Johnson of Indianapolis as runner-up.

World's champion in the middleweight class is Tony Zale of Gary. The state title is vacant with Arnold Deer and Mike McKessick of Indianapolis and Johnny O'Brien of Calumet City and Kenny Vint of Kokomo next in line.

Bob Simmons, promising local welter, tops the list in the 147-pound class with Sparky Reynolds, Milton Bess and James Sherron, all of Indianapolis, as challengers.

The lightweight title is also vacant. Willie Joyce of Gary and former N.B.A. 135-pound world's champion, holds top honors, followed by Brother Jimmy Joyce and Bud Cottey and Bob Beamon of Indianapolis.

The featherweight diadem is also vacant with one entry as possible choice—that being Willie Jones of Gary.

There are no contestants in the bantam and flyweight divisions.

Johnny Denson, local heavyweight, knocked out Al Patterson, Pittsburgh, after eighteen seconds of the third. Patterson was down for a nine-count in the second canto and again at the end of the round when he was saved by the bell. The K.O. blow was a solar plexus punch.

In the semi-windup Al Johnson, Indianapolis middleweight, knocked out Abel Cain in the second.

Lee Carter, local heavyweight, won a five-round bout from Billy Clayton (Pug Wilson) of Gary by decision.

In other bouts: Earl Paul, Indianapolis welter, was decisioned by Jesse Gooden, Hamilton, O., in four, and Willie Jones, Gary lightweight, won by a T.K.O. over Eddie Brandt, Dayton, O., in five.

Tiger Jack Fox, now fighting out of Spokane, is one of the oldest active fighters in the game today. He was born John Linwood Fox, April 2, 1907, here in Indianapolis. He is winning the majority of his bouts in the state of Washington. He was knocked out (nine rounds) by Melio Bettina in a light-heavyweight title match in 1939 (New York City).

Colion Chaney, Indianapolis heavyweight, stopped Shelton Bell, Youngstown, O., by a ninth-round technical knockout at the Sports Arena. Both maulers were on even terms until the ninth round when Chaney opened up with a savage body attack that put Bell on the canvas for three nine-counts. Left hooks and right-hand punches over the heart caused Bell to drop to the canvas again and the referee stopped the bout at 2:24 of the round.

Al Johnson, local mauler, who weighed 163, spotted Al Sheridan, Indianapolis, fourteen pounds and handed the latter a thorough lacing in the six-round semi-final.

In a five-rounder, Kenny Vint of Kokomo and Jesse Johnson of Indianapolis drew in a middleweight fracas.

In other bouts: Frank Rand, Camp Atterbury middleweight, outpointed Bob Wilson, Louisville, Ky., and Sid Peak, 208, Louisville, scored a knockout over Bob Lawson, 195, Alexandria, in 1:53 of the first.

PROFILE (Thirteenth in a series of interviews with local fight personalities.) This month we salute Carl Mattern, veteran timer at the Armory and Sports Arena boxing shows. Mattern began clocking fights in Indianapolis 14 years ago and since has missed but two shows due to illness. Born in Indianapolis he made his debut in amateur circles, serving as both timer and knockdown counter. He gained considerable fame as a baseball player and was offered a contract to play with Toledo in the American Association as a catcher in the early twenties. At present he is employed with Indianapolis *Sports* Magazine, a concern that publishes programs for local sports activities. Mattern also serves as MC and announcer at local wrestling matches.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

WILD Oscar Boyd, Buffalo Negro light-heavyweight, knocked out Steve Mamakos, Washington, D. C., Greek boxer, in the fourth round, at MacArthur Stadium. It marked the initial fistic presentation at the newly organized Central City Boxing Club. A crowd of 2520 fans paid $4665.

While it lasted, the scrap was fairly interesting. The first round was even, with Mamakos forcing the fighting. Steve took the second heat by virtue of his harder punching. Boyd appeared stronger in the third, but both had slowed down and little damage was accomplished. In the fourth the end came suddenly. Wild Oscar connected with a fast right to the jaw and Mamakos went down. Steve was on his knee at the ten count. Boyd weighed 164½ to Mamakos' 168 pounds.

The prelims were good. Tony Demico, 174½, Troy, won over Nelson Hawkins, 164, Cleveland, in 6. Jackson Bradley, 170, Buffalo, scored a third round T.K.O. over Jerry Forlano, 168½, Utica. Bradley was too fast and hit too hard for the Utica lad.

Cliff Hart, 149, Syracuse's former Golden Gloves champ, flattened Fritzie Moore, 145½, Troy, in the fourth. Frankie Simpson, 135½, Syracuse Negro, knocked out Johnny Sarruth, 140½, Schenectady, in the second. Wade Chancey, 190¼, Syracuse, scored a T.K.O. over Bucky Woodard, 181¾, Fulton, in the third.

Syracuse's new fight promoters are two law students at Syracuse University, Bob Bersani, Jr., and Ken Molloy. Their first card produced plenty of fireworks and the enthusiastic crowd indicates summer boxing will pay them dividends.

At Schenectady, Vinnie Vines, 156½, Schenectady slugger, took a 10-round decision over Wild Oscar Boyd, 162, Buffalo, at the Erie Boulevard Arena. A crowd of 1800 fans booed when the verdict was announced in favor of Vines. Most sports writers agreed Vines was entitled to the duke because of his cleaner punching and aggressiveness.

Other Dorp City results on this card: Leo Sarinelli, 127, Schenectady, handed Joey Kushner, 130, Syracuse, a first-class lacing in the eight-round semifinal. Billy Brent, 157, Syracuse Negro, scored a fourth round T.K.O. over Carmen Sipello, 153, Schenectady. Tony Viscio, 157½, Schenectady, K.O.'ed Hal Braithwaite, 157, Syracuse, in the second.

At Schenectady, Al Pennino, 126, New York, outpointed Georgie Knox, 125¾, Newark, N. J., in eight rounds.

Schenectady's Erie Boulevard Club staged their show (there are two licensed clubs in Schenectady) with Jackie Gaines, 153, Cleveland, on top against Len Taglia, 153. Gaines proved too strong and experienced for Taglia, tagging Len for the full count in the first round, after flooring the Utican twice for nine.

Tommy Stenhouse, 135, Buffalo, beat Ad Hunter, 134, Kingston, in the six-round semi. Clyde Wilson, 168, Saratoga, outpunched Jerry Forlano, 167, Utica, in a six rounder. Sam Shumway, unpredictable Boston light-heavy, weighing 175 pounds, stopped Henry Simpson, 133, Saratoga, in the third. Frankie Simpson, 133, Syracuse Negro sharpshooter, knocked out Danny Hubbell, 130, Troy, in 15 seconds of the first round with a left-hook to the chin.

Binghamton—At Kalurah Temple, Eddie Jackson, 199, Los Angeles Negro, T.K.O.'ed Henry Cooper, 207, Brooklyn, in the second. Jackson and Cooper fought through the first on even terms. In the second, Jackson landed a right over Cooper's eye, opening an old wound that caused claret to gush down Henry's face. Cooper broke from a clinch and hurried to his corner where handlers applied towels and first aid to halt the excessive bleeding. It was obvious Cooper could not continue with the injury.

Howard Chard, 203, Toronto, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Willard, 201, Brooklyn, in the sixth round of the semi. Otis Walker, 143½, Cleveland, defeated Aster Rice, 143, Binghamton. Harold Arrington, 130, Binghamton, knocked out Bob Lord, 135, Plattsburg, in the second. It took Ernie Ingle, 157, Plattsburg, only two rounds to stiffen Jerry Cunningham, 155, at Binghamton.

At Albany, July 1, Paulie Jackson, 132½, Reading, Pa., won a 10-round decision over Ham Wiloby, 125¼, Hartford, Conn., in the feature bout of an outdoor show.

Ed Dutton, 162½, Harrisburg, Pa., took a four-round decision from Nelson Hawkins, 163½, Cleveland, in the only preliminary. Other bouts were cancelled because of rain.

Carman DeJohn, Syracuse, 165, lost to Cleve Bailey, 164, New York, July 2, at Pittsburgh, in an eight rounder.

Left-hooks—The Swiderski, Schindler, Leonard boxing combine here have leased the Civic Theater for fall and winter shows. . . . Boxers wishing to show in this section are urged to write to Billy Shaw, 503 Fellows Avenue, Syracuse 10, New York. . . . New promoters are cropping up all over the state. . . . Auburn is the latest city to enter the boxing picture. . . . Watertown is reported next in line. . . . Norman Ott, local boxing judge, is recovering from a back injury that kept him on the shelf a year. . . . Joe Netro wants to pit Carman DeJohn against Ruben Shank or J. C. Wilkens here.

Syracuse fans who attended the Louis-Conn fight claim Conn looked like a "condemned man" from the start. . . . Mayor Frank Costello said he "had seen better fights in Syracuse for a dollar fifteen!" . . . Jimmy (The Seer) Alpert picked Louis "before the tenth," the day of the fight, although previously Jimmy had told us "he liked Conn." . . . Syracuse will have a new gym for boxers next month. . . . Plans call for the installation of modern equipment and a downtown location. . . . Stan Edwards, tall, light-heavy Negro Kayo King, is back in training. . . . Stunning Stan has flattened some 40-odd foes.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

BOXING practically took a holiday in Montreal most of June and early July, a big letdown after a series of regular shows climaxed with the Dave Castilloux-Gus (Pell) Mell battles staged by Promoter Al Foreman at the Forum. Foreman had a July 4th show scheduled, with Harry Hurst meeting Ernie Petrone in the ten-round main bout, but cancelled it two days before when the Montreal Commission refused to sanction Jean Barriere and Jerry "Schoolboy" Berthiaume, slated to box in eight-rounders, as they were on the N.B.A. suspension list due to unsatisfactory performances. Rather than rush in last minute substitutes the show was called off.

It was too bad that this happened just when the game was booming here. The first Castilloux-Mell bout drew over $23,000 and the rematch went over $27,000 to hang up a gate record in Canada. Raoul Godbout and Jack Rogers got off to an unfortunate start with their outdoor shows at Stade Exchange when Florian Bibeau was adjudged winner by a foul after taking a sound trouncing from Frankie Pucci. Few saw a foul blow and those that did said it was a light one, but the commissioner on hand took matters in his own hands to declare Bibeau the winner after he had reached the dressing room. Meanwhile the referee was left in the ring and was not even questioned in regard to the foul. We were not on hand for this one as we rode the clouds by plane to New York that day to take in the Louis-Conn event the next night.

However, a week after these notes are written, they staged another card topped by Harry Hurst versus Billy Knapper of Boston. Jimmie McKimmie will resume promotions at the Coliseum, but not likely before September.

STRAY SHOTS—Gus (Pell) Mell is taking a well-deserved vacation, a layoff of some six weeks. . . . He might be a full-fledged welter soon. . . . Harry Hurst is looking like his pre-war self in the gym. . . . Wilfie Shanks is also going better now in his workouts. . . . They work out with each other frequently. . . . Al Evans is likely to be campaigning in New York by the time this comes off the press. . . . Tommy Murray had a bad break in New York at Joe McKenna's Croke Park. . . . He was heading for a win over Bobby LaRusso when a hard, accidental head butt gashed his eyebrow badly, the stunning impact flooring him. . . . It not only cost him the fight but forced him to cancel several others. . . . Billy (The Kid) Wallace accompanied us to New York for the Louis-Conn affair. . . . Eddie Quiss is pulling 'em in with his Forum mat shows. . . . He's been doing well, has a lovely home in a local suburb, Mount Royal, and drives an eye-catching Cadillac. . . . He may get a big job soon as he seems to be the popular and logical choice for the post of general manager of the Forum, vacated by Tommy Gorman's resignation. . . . Cheerio.

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WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

THE newly organized boxing club at Dover, New Hampshire, got off to a good start when Jerry Boisvert of Sherbrooke, Canada, took the decision over Billy Lancaster, a Negro favorite from Portland, Me. This marked the return of boxing shows to Dover for the first time in seven years. In the semi-windup, Johnny Buffard, 128, of Sherbrooke, Canada, knocked out Ivan John Jones, 126, Portland, in 1 minute 43 seconds of the third round of a scheduled six-rounder.

In the preliminaries Babe Tanguay, Lewiston, Me., K.O.'ed Jackie Ledger of Dover as the latter was unable to answer the bell for the third round. Tony Prince of Lewiston K.O.'ed Ray Maurice of Biddeford, Me., in one minute of the first round, and Roger Soulard of Biddeford K.O.'ed Blackie Noel of Quebec in 20 seconds of the first round. All were scheduled four-rounders.

A recent interview with Gerald E. Stetson, vice-president and general manager of the new radio station in Berlin, N. H., disclosed the following facts of interest to boxing fans and to would-be promoters of the White Mountain region. And we quote: "On a 24-hour notice we can get telephone lines to almost any arena or site of boxing shows in this area, under favorable conditions. We have competent men on our staff who can render blow-by-blow description of such contests and we will be glad to cooperate in every possible way with interested parties."

Florient Desmarais, heavy-hitting lightweight from Manchester, N. H., won the New England title for that division by decisively whipping Leo Mucucci of Portland, Me., and Berlin, N. H., at the Recreation Center in Manchester over a 12-round distance. A capacity crowd attended this action-packed battle in which Referee Harko gave Desmarais six rounds, Mucucci three and the remaining three rounds as even. The champ weighed 134 and Mucucci four pounds less.

In the semifinal, Steve Bellus of London, Ont., knocked out Oliver Desmarais of Manchester with a left hook to the jaw in 2 minutes 33 seconds of the second round. Chuck Jackson, 130, another Manchester scrapper, won by a T.K.O. in the fourth over Charley Kelley, 129, of Boston. Kid Chocolate, 160, of Havana, Cuba, dropped Irish Mickey Burke, 166, of Manchester for the count in 2 minutes 31 seconds. In the opener, Al Poltak, 144, of the Queen City (Manchester) slugged his way to a T.K.O. win in two rounds over Mickey Finn, 140, of Dover.

The busy Florient Desmarais figured in two more contests following his winning the New England championship. In his first defense of the title he knocked out Tommy Moore of Boston, Mass., in the second round before 1100 fans at the Recreation Center of Manchester, N. H. Both Desmarais and Moore weighed in at 133 pounds.

In the semifinal, Walter Keene of Grenier Field punched his way to a six-round decision over Steve Bellus of London, Ontario. Bellus was knocked to the canvas for a count of seven in the first round, but came back in the third heat to floor Keene for a count of nine. Keene weighed 142, Bellus 138. Hard-hitting Bobby Conway knocked out Jimmy Harvey of Boston to continue on his victory train. The Bostonian was counted out at 1 minute and 27 seconds of the second heat. Conway tipped the beam at 158 and Harvey at 157.

After flooring his opponent for a count of six in the second round, veteran Charley Kelley of Boston K.O.'ed Eddie Campbell of Manchester in the third round of the curtain-raiser. The winner weighed 139 to Campbell's 145. It required but 35 seconds for Al Poltak of Manchester to dispose of Eddie Forest, another local boy, in the second bout of the evening, a scheduled four-rounder. Poltak weighed 146, Forest 149.

A stiff test for Florient Desmarais was the bout against Jackie Callura, the ex-featherweight champion of the world. The scene of action was again the Recreation Center of Manchester, and the New England king walked off with a 10-round decision that was not entirely popular with the crowd. Referee Johnny Harko awarded Desmarais six rounds, Callura three, and called one even. Desmarais, who weighed in at 134, left the ring with his left eye cut and bleeding. Callura, except for a slightly swollen eye, was unmarked at the end of the clash. Callura's weight was 131½.

In the semifinal, Bobby Conway added Mike Shaker of Fall River to his long list of knockout victims, winning on a T.K.O. in the second, when Shaker was refused permission to continue after injuring his eye. Conway, a Manchester product, weighed 156 and Shaker 167.

In the prelims, Chuck Jackson of Grenier Field and Tony Ferry of Fall River fought to a six-round draw in the third bout of the evening, which was just after Kid Cournoyer's T.K.O. victory over Leo Tarzan of Roxbury, while Eddie Muniz of Fall River put Al Poltak of Manchester to sleep in 1 minute 8 seconds of the third round of their scheduled six-rounder.

A Berlin (Cascade) New Hampshire fighter operating out of Portland, Me., is really going great guns in New England rings. His recent spectacular victory over Manchester's Tommy "Red" Wells at Salem, Mass., was more than just impressive. His name, Leo Mucucci, 132, came off the floor after a nine count in the fifth round, and scored a rousing eight-round T.K.O. at the North Street Arena. Wells' eyes and face were so badly cut that Referee Henry Brown refused to let Wells answer the bell for the eighth.

Earlier, Tommy "Red" Wells won by knockout in the first round over Jean Gagne of Montreal at the Recreation Center, Manchester, N. H., in 1 minute 39 seconds. Both fighters weighed in at 136 pounds.

The popular Bobby Conway of Manchester, 157, won the scheduled six-round semifinal affair, when Referee Harko disqualified Johnny Smith of Fall River, Mass., 147, for not putting up a fight.

Results of preliminary bouts: Al Poltak, Manchester, 150, K.O.'ed Jimmy Sabatino, Concord, 148, in 1 minute and 47 seconds of the third round of a scheduled four-rounder.

Kid Cournoyer, Derry, 125, decisioned Charley Kelley, Boston, 131, four rounds. Phil Carr, Dover, 178, decisioned Armand Roy, Manchester, 220, six rounds.

"Arena Sizzles—Fights Off"—This title appeared in a recent New Hampshire daily.

Bob Fuller, production manager for the new radio station, WMOU, the Radio Voice of the White Mountains in Berlin, N. H., comes from Portsmouth, N. H., and while there he was an ardent boxing fan, taking in the weekly shows at South Berwick, Maine, Manchester, and other nearby fight centers. Bob hopes that promoters of this area will get busy and stage boxing shows around these parts.

Al Sinibaldi's recent victory in Jacksonville, Fla., has just been brought to my attention. That makes it five straight for the former local battler, who is stationed out there with the U. S. Navy. His opponent this time was Tom Sharkey, a Southern heavyweight.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

By HUGH SHANNON

ALTHOUGH Champion Joe Louis made a local appearance gratis and the gate totaled $8000 for the Dave Mason benefit show, when Jack Singer paid off all bills he found that the show had lost $189, and until Chairman Eagan of the State Athletic Commission stepped in and demanded that Mason's family get 20 per cent of the receipts, the chances of the dead fighter's heirs getting anything was not very bright. However, with Eagan's ultimatum ringing in their ears all those concerned with the show kicked back 20 per cent of what they received and the Mason family will get a tidy sum.

In the main event on the June 22 card Tommy Gomez, the punching Tampa heavyweight, knocked out Jimmy White of Newark, N. J., in the first. White never had a chance with the Florida tornado. Gomez punched him all over the ring and stopped Jimmy in two minutes and fifty-four seconds.

Results in preliminary bouts on the Gomez-White card follow: Prentiss Hall won from Ernie Griffin of Hartford, decision, six rounds. Cyclone Williams, Buffalo Negro heavyweight, K.O.'ed Tommy Pope, second. Ellie Stewart, Baltimore, won a six-round decision from Henry Brimm of Buffalo. Tony Anacona decisioned Tommy Stenhouse, Buffalo, six rounds. Joe Louis was the referee in two of these rounds and received a big hand.

Jack Herman and Jerry Monahan closed the Great Lakes A. C. wrestling season for Buffalo on June 28, when Frank Sexton beat Warren Bockwinkle and George Temple, brother of Shirley Temple, the movie star, made his first appearance. The Great Lakes Club will reopen in the fall. Wrestlers will be kept busy for the summer in Olean, Jamestown, Erie and possibly Elmira. Bert Finch disagrees with those who boost Jack Johnson as the best of all former heavyweight champions. "Give me the old Manassa Mauler, Jack Dempsey," says Finch. "There never was another like him as a puncher." Finch is assembling a strong boxing stable for the open-air season, which is now underway at Civic Stadium. The big matches of the summer will be Joe Matisi vs. Joe Muscato and Tommy Gomez in a return match with Phil Muscato. Both the Muscatos suffered knockouts at the hands of these punchers in previous matches. The Muscatos are working at the big Fairview gym and Joe Netro has his men conditioning themselves at Sam Mineo's.

It's been a long time since any fighter made a more dramatic entrance into local boxing than did Tommy Gomez of Tampa, Fla. Tommy knocked consistent winner Phil Muscato into dreamland in less than three minutes. Punching with the power of a Dempsey, Gomez caught Muscato on the left temple and down went Phil for a long count. He arose only to be knocked down twice more, and the third time was completely out. Muscato never had a look-in.

Sixty-five hundred yelling fans saw the contest, which drew one of the best houses of the year. Although Gomez had never boxed in Buffalo, the sharpsters knew all about him and were ready for the fireworks they saw. Coming on the heels of Joe Muscato's knockout at the hands of Joe Matisi, it was a sad evening for the Muscato brothers and their manager, Tommy Sulpi.

A wonderful chance awaits good heavyweights here. Boxers who are without contracts and have ability should write Hugh Shannon, 144 Wallace Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y. Those writing should be free from managerial alignments.

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

RIC SAUNDERS, of Leicester, won over Bobby Watson, of Leith, in the third of a scheduled eight-rounder at Birmingham, when the latter was disqualified for an alleged low delivery.

Norman Twigger, of Dedworth, knocked out Phil Volante, of Birmingham, in the fifth of a scheduled eight round bout. Ronnie Price, of Bilston, stopped Frank Wall, of Leicester, in the fourth of a contest set for eight rounds.

Billy Davies, of Birmingham, outpointed Roy Davis, of Spratton, in six rounds. Jackie Turpin, of Leamington, knocked out Percy Bateman, of Spratton, in the second of a six-round affair.

Promoter Harry Black, of Kirkcaldy, Scotland, staged the eliminating bout for the Scottish welterweight title, between Johnny Finnerty, of Glasgow, and Danny Cunningham, of Methil, in ten rounds.

Finnerty had no difficulty in taking an early points lead and maintaining it throughout the contest.

Joe Baillie, of Glasgow, knocked out Johnny Higgins, of Bathgate, in the eighth of a scheduled ten-rounder, with a terrific right hook to the jaw.

Les Brown of Gateshead, was outpointed by Mickey Malone of Dundee, in ten fast rounds. Scotty Hamilton of Methil, defeated Johnny Roy of Dundee, the latter being disqualified in the third of a scheduled ten for an alleged low blow.

Johnny Cunningham of Bethnal Green, won a good ten-round points decision over Dick Levers of Chesterfield, at Cambridge.

Ric Saunders of Leicester, and Eric Hall of Milton, fought well for eight rounds with Saunders receiving the referee's award.

Jackie Elliott of Leicester, defeated Freddie Sorrell, London, who retired at the end of the fourth of a scheduled eight round bout.

Don Malkin of Belper, knocked out Rudy O'Connor of Ireland, in the fourth round. Ray Edwards of Diss outpointed Ray Davies of Leicester, in six rounds. Charlie Ellis of Ilkeston defeated Walter Redit of Sonam, Redit retiring in the fourth session. Ken Wright of Somersham, and Ken Heading of Chatteris, put up a terrific slambang affair for six rounds which was called a draw.

Benny Frice, 151, of Ammanford, was extremely unfortunate in having to retire in the third of his scheduled eight with Herbie Smith, 151, of Ammanford, at Gloucester.

After three interesting rounds in which Price held his own, he sustained a badly cut eyebrow and the referee wisely called a halt.

Hal Bagwell of Gloucester, outpointed Tommy Jones of Llanelly, after eight hard rounds. Jackie Wagner of Gloucester, was narrowly defeated by Danny Nagle of Ireland, in an eight rounder in what proved to be the best fight of the night. Jimmy Bryan of Gloucester, knocked out Billy Cartwright of Birmingham, in the second of a slated eight with a terrific right swing.

Eddie Damezel of Cardiff, knocked out Terry Dawe of Gloucester, in the first minute of their eight round contest with a well placed left to the solar plexus. Dennis Williams of Hereford, knocked out Jack Heslop of Birmingham, in the first of a scheduled six.

Ralph Fieldhouse of West Hartlepool, defeated Battling Maxie of Darlington, who was forced to retire with a badly cut eyebrow in the third of a scheduled ten-rounder at West Hartlepool.

Frank Millward of Leeds, also suffered a badly cut eyebrow in the first round of his contest with Billy Clayton of West Hartlepool, and the former retired.

Darkie Lawton of West Hartlepool, knocked out John Bell of Ryhope, in the first of a scheduled six. George Doyle of West Hartlepool, retired with a cut eye in the third of a six-rounder against Joe Turner of Ryhope.

Jake Carr of Princes Risborough, defeated Ron Ratton of High Wycombe in the sixth of a scheduled ten at High Wycombe, when the latter was ruled out for persistent use of his shoulder.

Carr took a long count in the second round but arose to continue to mix it. In the fourth, Ratton was warned for using his shoulder, but he repeated the offense in the fifth and was given yet another warning. Upon a recurrence of the action in the sixth round the referee immediately sent him to his corner, leaving Carr the winner.

Dom Smith 148, of Prestwood, outpointed Ric Saunders, 144, of Leicester, in six rounds, in what proved to be the prize contest of the evening, with both boys tearing away at each other throughout.

Ivor Simpson of Basingstoke, was disqualified in the second of a scheduled six round contest against Heckey Houldsworth of Slough, for an alleged low blow. Johnny Price of Watford, defeated Colin Chandler of St. Albans, the referee calling a halt during the third of a six-rounder. Pat Crawford of Aylesbury, and Jerry Nagle of Ireland, drew in six rounds.

Joe Hart of St. Helens, knocked out Tommy Moran of Bournemouth, in the second of a scheduled eight-round bout at Camborne.

Hart's best punch was a left hook, which landed on Moran's chin in the second stanza and put the Bournemouth lad out for the count.

Harry Legge of Bournemouth, outpointed Edgar Warfield of Wales, in eight rounds. John Brennan of Falmouth, outpointed George Wellman of Poole, in six hectic rounds. Len Rule of Camborne, knocked out Al Jones of Plymouth in the fourth of a slated six. George Francombe of Wales, knocked out Harry Allison of Poole, in the first of a six-rounder.

Billy "Ginger" Armstrong, 149, of Manchester, defeated Roy Kitchen, 147, of Manchester, in the fourth, the referee calling a halt when Kitchen had taken much punishment and was out on his feet. The contest, scheduled for ten rounds, was staged at Blackburn.

Pierce Ellis, 128½, Manchester, easily defeated Frank Walker, 130, Leeds, in an extremely one-sided match.

Scheduled for ten rounds, Ellis took only two and a half minutes of the first round to knock Walker clean out of the ring where he was counted out.

Arthur Turner of Salford, outpointed Joe "Boy" Britner of Ancoats, in an eight round bout. Bob Mellett of Bolton, defeated Danny Holdsworth of Leeds, the referee stopping the one-sided contest in the second of a scheduled six-rounder. Seaman Taylor of Preston, defeated Jack Brown of Stockport, the towel coming in from Brown's corner in the fourth.

Joe Curran, 109, of Liverpool, who is shortly to meet Jackie Paterson for the latter's world, British and Empire flyweight titles, gained a good points win over Jimmy Gill, 112, of Nottingham, in ten thrilling rounds at the Stadium in Liverpool.

Curran, who is a slow starter, didn't warm up until the third round but from then on he took an immediate points lead, and dealt out severe punishment to his game opponent.

Jimmy Molloy, 145, Liverpool's hard-punching welter, defeated Jimmy Thornhill, 142½, of Nottingham, who retired with a damaged right hand at the end of the fourth of a contest scheduled for ten rounds.

Stan Rowen, 110, of Liverpool, defeated Mickey Jones, 119, of Southend, who retired with a damaged arm in the fifth of a listed eight. Peter Fallon, 135, Birkenhead, knocked out Jimmy Smith, 133, of Eire, in the second of a slated eight-rounder. Charlie White of Liverpool, beat Jackie Ryan of Stoke, in the fourth of a scheduled six-rounder.

Ben Duffy of Jarrow, outpointed Bob Bates of Coxnoe, in ten rounds at Newcastle, in an elimination for the Northern Area featherweight title.

Jackie McCall of Jarrow, defeated Sid Steele of Blaydon, in eight rounds. Jack Minnikin of Blackhall Mill, knocked out Harry Jacks of Jarrow, in the fourth of an intended eight-rounder. Dick Shields of Liverpool, outpointed Jordan Tarone of British West Indies, in eight rounds. Bob Taylor of Blackhall Mill, knocked out Tom King of Gateshead, in the sixth round.

Albert Finch, 158½, of Croydon, outpointed Johnny Blake, 160, of Chelsea, in eight rounds at the Agricultural Hall, Maidstone.

Emlyn Jones of Wales, caused George Small of Battersea, to retire in the fifth of their scheduled eight with a badly cut eye. Jones, who is only seventeen, scored his ninth consecutive professional win.

Joe Rubery of Gillingham, outpointed Dave Clemo of Ware, in an eight. Tommy Shaw of Leamington, defeated Ernie Ward of Kingston, over the same route. Reg Hill of Enfield, defeated Charlie Golding of Bethnal Green, when the latter was disqualified in the second round for an alleged low blow.

Vernon Ball, 130¼, of Cumpark, outpointed Reg Quinlan, 133, of Ammanford, in ten at Trealaw.

Billy Davis, 144, of Blackmill, outpointed Les Vaughan, 147, of Trealaw, in eight rounds. Wally Corbett, 175, of Perth, defeated Jack Williams, 165, of Tylerstown, the referee calling a halt in the fifth of a slated six. Clarence Tregonning, 120, of Gelli, outpointed Gerald Evans, 125, Pontypridd, after six fierce rounds.

Jim Sheppard of Glasgow, continued his long line of victories when he knocked out Alec Gibson of Glasgow, in the fifth of a scheduled ten at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow.

Tommy Miller of Glasgow, outpointed Tod Whyte of Shieldhill, in ten rounds. Joe Devine of Lennoxtown, defeated Roy Quigley of Ireland, in the first round.

Bobble MacDonald of Glasgow, defeated George Lang of Glasgow, after six interesting rounds in which MacDonald, boxing in fancy style, piled up a huge points lead.

Jack Smith of Worcester, outpointed Al Marson of London, in eight rounds at Malvern. Cyril Vale of Worcester, and Billy Wagner of Gloucester, fought fiercely for six rounds to a draw.

Eddie Harris of Worcester, lost by a narrow margin to Dennis Williams of Gloucester, in six rounds. Hal Bagwell of Gloucester, knocked out Gerry Nagel of Ireland, in the second of a scheduled ten-round contest. Jack Swevells of Holland, was outpointed by Jack Wagner of Gloucester, in a six-rounder. Herbie Smith of Gloucester, defeated Harry Freeman of Dagenham, in the third of a scheduled six-rounder, when the latter retired.

Jimmy Jury of Bournemouth, repeated a previous win when he forced Hughie Smith of Sunderland, to retire in the third of a scheduled eight-round main go at West Hartlepool.

Jury was never seriously threatened by Smith, and a smashing right to the chin started the latter on his way down. He arose after a nine count to be floored again, and was obviously in distress when the referee called a halt.

Jack Todd of Sunderland, outpointed Harry Legge of Bournemouth, after a dull bout of ten rounds. Val Young of Sunderland, and Sergt. Bert Jordan of Bridlington, put up the best fight of the night with the fans on their toes cheering for more. Young, who took two counts in each of the first two rounds, recovered well to win by a knockout in the fourth.

Ronnie Morrow of West Hartlepool, outpointed Jim Freeman of Hartlepool, in six rounds.

Johnny Williams of Rugby, knocked out Harry O'Grady in the fourth of a scheduled eight at Rugby.

Jackie Heaton of Rugby, defeated Jackie Davis of Wales, by a narrow points margin after ten interesting rounds. Ronnie Draper of Southampton, defeated Les Pudbody of Rugby, in eight rounds. Bobby Baynes of Harrow, defeated Duggie Hartnett of Paddington, when the latter received a badly cut eye in the fourth round and the referee called a halt.

Ray Ford of Leicester, defeated Jack Dennin of Braunstone, after six hard rounds. Ken Tiser of Rugby, and Henry Hall of Leicester, fought a good six-round draw.

Paddy Dowdall, 129, of Dublin, ex-amateur European featherweight champion, gained a close points decision over Jimmy Stubos, 128¼, of Runcorn, in ten rounds at Liverpool Stadium. This was a fast and furious affair with both lads giving their all.

Jimmy O'Brien, 144, of Sidmouth, defeated Ned Thomas, 142, of Bootle, the referee stopping the fight in the fifth round after the young southpaw had dealt out severe punishment to Thomas, who was in a bad way.

Bert Hornby, 132, of Bolton, defeated Cyril Maudsley, 136, of Preston, the towel coming in during the fifth of a scheduled eight, to save Maudsley further punishment.

Dave Edwards of Liverpool, defeated Joe Mallin of Preston, in the fourth of an exciting scheduled six-rounder. Barney Hughes of Liverpool, defeated Steve Caskell of Tyldesley, in the second of a listed six-rounder.

Frank Baldwin, 160, of British Honduras, and Chris Golding, 160, of Bethnal Green, clashed at Watford, and for a while it seemed that the Negro would win easily, but he faded towards the end and Golding had no difficulty in gaining a points win in ten rounds.

Danny Nagle of Watford, drew with Teddy Peckham of Bournemouth, in six rounds. Bert Brown of Croydon, defeated Harry Lumm of Bushey, when the latter retired in the second of a scheduled six-round bout, after having taken three long counts, and sustaining a badly cut eye.

Binny Mlen of Bournemouth, knocked out Johnny Bowland of Middlesboro, in the third of a slated six rounder. George Wellman of Bournemouth, knocked out Fred Palfrey of Watford, in the fifth. Mick O'Grady of Amersham, defeated Johnny Hayden of Dagenham, on points in six rounds.

Jackie Paterson, holder of the world's flyweight championship, took an unnecessary chance in meeting Rinty Monaghan of Ireland, at Belfast, in what was scheduled to be a ten-round overweight bout, just two weeks before he was due to defend his title against Joe Curran of Liverpool.

Sustaining a badly cut eye during the seventh round, Paterson was forced to retire, thus completely disrupting the schedule of Promoter George Grant, who had the Paterson-Curran bout signed.

Grant was forced to postpone the date of his show, and also is faced with the fact that Paterson's drawing ability may have been hurt by his defeat, for it was obvious that Monaghan had a fine chance of winning even without the damaged optic which caused Paterson's retirement.

Paterson dropped Monaghan for a count in the first and sixth rounds, both for "six" but Monaghan was always dangerous, and seemed to be getting stronger as the bout progressed.

Theo Medina of Paris, was extremely unfortunate in his contest with Bunty Doran of Ireland, for after looking like an easy winner, he received a cut eye in the sixth round, and Referee Eugene Henderson stopped the contest, regardless of Medina's plea to be allowed to continue.

Tommy Armour of Ireland, was also the victim of a cut eye, which caused his retirement in the fourth round of his contest with Jean Walzach of France. Walzach was far ahead on points at the close, and was set for a good win.

Danny Harkins of Glasgow, dealt out severe punishment to Billy Andrews of Dundee, causing the referee to call a halt in the sixth of their scheduled ten-rounder at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow.

Danny McGoldrick of Airdrie, was awarded the decision over Bobby MacDonald of Glasgow, in a ten-rounder. The crowd did not take kindly to this award, and in truth it did seem that MacDonald had done more than enough to share the honors at least.

Harry Swinburne of Glasgow, defeated Jimmy Watson of Leith, who retired in the fourth session of their scheduled 12-rounder, with a badly cut eye.

Swinburne, who held a comfortable points lead, was punishing Watson severely before he opened the cut that halted the bout which took place at Newcastle.

Jack Todd of Sunderland, defeated Gordon Wilson of Glasgow, on points in six rounds. Neil McCearn of Glasgow, won almost every round of his eight rounder with Joe Bailey of Bridgeton. Len Harrison of Bannsley, knocked out Alec Watkinson of Doncaster, in the fourth of a slated six-rounder. Tom Nutter of Silksworth, defeated Tug Fawcett of Newcastle, Fawcett's seconds throwing in the towel in the seventh of an eight-rounder.

Jackie Hughes of Pontypridd, outpointed Dudley Lewis of Brecon, in eight rounds at Brecon.

Kid Hyde of Builth, defeated Geoff Owen of Istradgyrlnias, the latter retiring in the second of a scheduled eight-rounder with a fractured finger. Billy Batt of Pengam, knocked out Tom Williams of Argoed, in the fourth of a scheduled six. Jimmy Williams of Pengam, outpointed Bobby Gilder of Tylorstown, in six, while another six saw Fred Cook of Pengam, outpoint George Howells of Blackwood.

Arthur "Ginger" Sadd, 161, of Norwich, gave his usual polished display, to win a good points decision from Johnny Blake, 160, of Chelsea, in ten rounds at Norwich.

Tommy Moran, 164, of Bournemouth, won over Benny Dwyer, 159, of Canada, when the Canadian retired with a damaged hand in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest. Dwyer had taken two short counts before his retirement.

Russell Wilson of Norwich, won over Ray Edwards of Diss, in a six. Frankie O'Connor, 146, of Ireland, retired in the second of a scheduled six-rounder with Bert Buxton, 148, of Norwich, after having taken two long counts. Charlie White, 126, of Norwich, defeated Terry Dawes, 128, of Gloucester, in another six. Alec Thomas, 146, of Walthamstow, and Dave Finney, 161, of Hawick, boxed four rounds to a draw.

Alf Hughes of West Hartlepool, showed good form in defeating Billy Hazelgrove of Brighton, in a 12-rounder at West Hartlepool.

Hughes, who was 12 pounds lighter than Hazelgrove, withstood all of the Brighton lad's heavy attacks in the early rounds to receive a points decision.

Eddie Bird of Hull, knocked out Tom Downey of Sunderland, in the third of a scheduled ten round bout. Andy Bates of Wheatley Hill, knocked out Harry Jacks of Jarrow, in the fifth of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Sergt. Bert Jordan of Catterick, knocked out Bob Ainsworth of York, in the first of a six-rounder, while in another intended six, Darkie Lawton of West Hartlepool, knocked out Ralph Dunn of Seaton, in the third.

Johnny Boyd of Peterborough, outpointed Jack Farr of Abertillery, in eight fast rounds at Wisbech. Boyd stayed on top, flooring Farr for two counts before receiving a well deserved decision.

Tommy Shaw of Cambridge, outpointed Dave Harris of Christchurch, in ten rounds. Jimmy Jury of Bournemouth, knocked out Ivor Roberts of Melton Mowbray, in the second of a scheduled eight round contest.

Harry Legge of Bournemouth, and Harry Sergeant of Wisbech, boxed eight fast rounds to a draw. Jimmy Bryan of Gloucester, outpointed Keith Weston of Wisbech, in eight and Charlie Perry of Wisbech, knocked out Jock Ward of Poole, in the first of a scheduled six-rounder.

Ronnie Clayton, 123¾, of Blackpool, won the Northern Area featherweight championship, at the Liverpool Stadium, when he outpointed the title holder, Bert Jackson, 125½, of Fleetwood, after 15 fiercely contested rounds.

Jackson started off in whirlwind fashion, as though he intended to end the bout in its early stages, and Clayton had a rough passage before he settled down. From about the fourth round on, Clayton, boxing in cool, collected fashion, began to take control, and more than held his own.

There was not a great deal separating the two lads up until the tenth round, when Jackson floored Clayton with a hard right, but the Blackpool lad was up immediately, and began to take a heavy toll from his tiring opponent. Clayton punched hard and often, and floored Jackson for eight in the 13th round, and then completely dominated the last two rounds, and well deserved the referee's award.

Danny MacAllister, 135½, of Belfast, outpointed Billy Barton, 138, of Liverpool, after eight hard rounds. Tommy Burney, 112, of Liverpool, outpointed Johnny Summers, 113½, of Edinburgh, in an eight-rounder. Joe Mallon, 152, of Preston, outpointed Freddy Webb, 160, in six rounds. Charlie White, 127, of Liverpool, outpointed Chris Kelly, 130, of Liverpool, over six rounds.

Jimmy Dunn, 123, of Glasgow, gained a close 12-round points win over Benny McVeigh, 124, of Greenock, in an elimination for the Scottish featherweight title at Aberdeen.

Billy Andrews, 147, of Dundee, won over Tony Reilly, 149, of Dundee, in the second of a scheduled ten-round contest, when the latter's second threw in the towel as a token of defeat, after Reilly had taken much punishment.

Bobby Bolland, 119, of Dundee, outpointed Eddie Carson, 120, of Glasgow, in ten rounds. Pat Kelly, 134, of Perth, was outpointed by Tommy Miller, 138, of Glasgow, in ten rounds, while Johnny Smith of Clydebank, fought well and punched hard to outpoint Hugh Docherty of Belfast, in a six-round affair.

Jack Coles, 133, of Tyryberth, won easily over Wally Downes, 130¾, of Tylorstown, in ten rounds at Trealaw.

Downes seemed beaten in the first round when Coles floored him for counts of four, two, five and five, but he made a good recovery, and although Coles was always ahead, Downes never gave up trying.

Doug Coleman of Tonyrefail, knocked out Phil Freeman of Markham, in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round bout. Bobby Gilder of Tylorstown, outpointed Dil Hughes of Bath, in six rounds. Lewis Williams of Gelli, retired at the end of the second of a six-rounder against Ray Stokes of Cympark.

Jim Sheppard of Glasgow, defeated Jim Tripper of Burton-on-Trent, in the seventh of a scheduled ten round contest, when the referee intervened to save Tripper further punishment.

The bout, which took place at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow, showed the Glasgow southpaw at the top of his form, and his was an easy win.

Dan McGoldrick of Airdrie, seemed unlucky not to receive a draw with Bobby McDonald of Glasgow, over ten rounds. The verdict in McDonald's favor was hotly disputed by the crowd.

Jim Hachy of Coatbridge, defeated Tom Andrews of Glasgow, the referee intervening in the first round of what was to have been a six-rounder. Barry Ward of Perth, knocked out Reg James of Chester, in the sixth of a scheduled ten rounder.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS

By C. W. STEELE

ART ROBAR, 142, stopped Ed Barr, 142, in the second canto at Digby. Lightweights Bobby Vincent, Digby, and George Chipman, St. John, fought a six-round semi-final draw. In the preliminaries Dick Abbott won by a T.K.O. over Rit Daley in round one—welterweights. Layton Savoury won a decision over Frankie Oliver and Ronnie Cowan outpointed Duke Winchester.

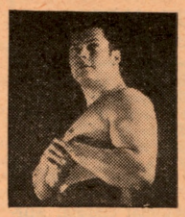
Jerry Berthiaume, Montreal, won on a foul in the third of a scheduled ten-round feature with Danny Joseph, Brooklyn, at the St. John Forum. In the supporting bouts Billy McLaughlin of Frederickton scored a second-round knockout over Carl White, St. John. Al Leaver stopped Jack Saunders in the second and Maurice Eatman won a five-round affair from Harold Nelson.

Lunenburg is back again on the fistic map. On July 1, Kid Lantz, Halifax, won a ten-round decision over Henry Perie, a former West Coast Golden Glover, both featherweights. In the six-round semi-final "Slugger" Weagle and "Sparks" Gallant fought a draw. Two preliminaries rounded out the show. Lefty Crane won a T.K.O. over Kid Miller in round two and Fred Hindal decisioned Wizz Bennett.

Walter Irvine, stiff-socking St. John welterweight, stopped George Wheelock, Calais, Me., in the fourth of an eight-round feature at St. Stephen. "Rocky" Mountain" Greenlaw won a six-round decision over "Giant" McLinchey. Al (Red) Chamberlain stiffened Tommy O'Leary in round three. Kid Raymond and Henry Dupuis fought a draw; Louis Wareham and Oscar Dupuis also fought a draw.

Joe Pyle, New Waterford, punched out a five-round knockout over Irish Jimmy Mooney, Moncton, in a scheduled ten-round bout at the Halifax Arena. Both welterweights. Bernie McCluskey, Dartmouth, 154, decisioned Gene Ouiment, 147, Montreal, in the six-round semi-final. George Ross, 149, New Waterford, scored a third-round T.K.O. over Pat Phillips, 154, St. John, and Harold Hillier, 132, Halifax, decisioned Steve Connolly, 130, Halifax.

Benny Woods, highly-touted St. John lightweight, lost a ten-round decision and his Maritime title to Isaac Thomas, the Pictou puncher, in a lively bout at the New Glasgow Arena. In the supporting bouts Freddy Wilson, New Glasgow, stopped Dave Melanson, River John, in round two. Middleweights. Sheldon Campbell outpointed Pack Johnson and Perry Paris stopped Ted McPhail in round one. Jean Barriere, Montreal, banged out a clean-cut ten-round decision over Oliver Geldart, New Waterford, at the St. John Forum. "Bucky" Walker punched out a third-round knockout over Oscar Dupuis in the scheduled six-round semi-final. Louis Richards decisioned "Rocky Mountain" Greenlaw in four rounds; Henry Dupuis and Al Laverne battled four rounds.



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GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

St. Peter's chapter of the C.Y.O. staged a successful amateur boxing show at the St. John Forum. Welterweight Floyd Hogan, St. John, decisioned Billy Nelles, Montreal, in five rounds. Percy Richards and Louis O'Ree was declared no contest. Al Leaver, St. John, won a five-round decision over Johnny Kostos, Montreal, the Canadian amateur lightweight champ. Phil Gordon stopped Maurice Eatman in round one. Marcelle LaChappelle, Montreal, outpointed Irish Bobby Donovan, St. John, in five rounds.

In the bouts for the youngsters, Pat Kelchu decisioned Jefferson; Robert Britt defeated another Jefferson. Jackie Britt won over Gordon; Joe Veniot shaded Cole, and Young Hogan decisioned the Negro boy, Nelson.

"Bearcat" Jackson stopped Spinney Wright in the opening round at the New Glasgow Arena. The bout was scheduled for ten heats. Both are New Glasgow heavyweights. Pictou county welterweights, Sparky Paris and Grant West, fought a six-round semi-final draw. Perry Paris put the snore on Joe Bellefontaine in the third and Reg Meyers outpointed Ikie Wilson.

Joe Pyle, New Waterford, won a ten-round decision over Frank Conti, Lynn, Mass., at the Sydney Sports Centre, July 5. Red MacPherson kayoed Chuck Mullins, Montreal. George Ross, New Waterford, stopped George Gervin, Montreal; Tucker decisioned Ryan.

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NEWS FROM WINNIPEG AND VICINITY

By AL GREENBERG

GEORGE COTE, Manitoba amateur middleweight king, highlighted the A.A.U. card at the Winnipeg Auditorium when he scored a sensational one-round K.O. over Ernie Johnson.

In the main event, Johnny Roberts, 154, gained a five-round decision over Bill Cornut of Saskatoon. Wilf Dejardin, 145, former army champ, caught the crowd's fancy when he outslugged Al Alfred, 145, of Moose Jaw, in a fast three-rounder.

Johnny Galon, 132, of Regina, eked out a five-round win over Les Burney, 145, of Winnipeg. Walt Rowan, 143, polished off Ken Johnson, 146, in three. Jerry Bond outscored Don Kryptuck in a flyweight tussle. Pat Keating, 132, won in three from Al Grundy, Carmen. Ed Cunningham, 115, outslugged Ed Roberts, 118, in three. Ben Benoit, 125, outclassed Bruiser Freisen, 125, of Carmen.

Les Lavers is the promoter for the Community Club in Flin Flon. Steve Kozak, popular Winnipeg grappler, and Hy Lichter, Winnipeg's No. 1 fight fan, have taken over the management of the Crescent Cafe.

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SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

EDDIE MILLER, flashy Dayton, O., middleweight, captured the fistic spotlight in this section during the current month. The former Navy boy scored a pair of victories in Cincinnati matches. Eddie beat Tip Ramsey at will in a 10-rounder at Music Hall on June 3 and on July 1 at Parkway Arena swatted out one Steve Izzy of Fort Campbell, Ky., in heat three.

The latter match had a sensational ending. Miller dropped Izzy for a couple counts in the second, the bell saving him. Izzy's seconds worked hard over their ward during the rest period and at the bell were slow in getting out of the ring, but this did not stop Lee Hammond's belter, who caught Izzy before he could get off his stool, straightened him up and then knocked him out with a pair of punches.

Izzy, former New York boy, looked mighty good in beating Long John Reeves on June 17 at Corsley Field, thus earning the Miller match, but the latter was too classy for Izzy.

In the supporting matches to the Miller-Izzy show which drew a gross of $3375, Pat Iacobucci, 124, knocked out Kid Owens, Lima, O., 123½, in the fourth. Joe Discepoli, local lightweight, did likewise to Manuel Orsov in round two, and Jackie O'Cohen, the third of Cincinnati's trio, blasted out Tom Doady of Columbus, O., in round three. Bob Shoemaker and Roger Rodgers put up a slam-bang battle for four rounds until the latter tired and Referee Earl Butler gave the fight to Shoemaker on a T.K.O. in four.

Gene Burton, crack New York welter, removed any doubt as to superiority over Willie Russell, southpaw belter from Columbus, O., on the night of June 17 at Crosley Field. Burton outboxed, outfoxed and outpunched the Ohio Negro at every move. This was a Becker promotion.

The supporting bouts to the above-mentioned Miller-Ramsey bout at Music Hall were as follows: Gib Jones, Cincinnati, light-heavyweight, knocked out Billy Jackson of Huntington, W. Va., in six rounds. Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati, featherweight, scored a knockout in two rounds over Bob Kinder of Huntington, W. Va., and Jackie O'Cohen, Cincinnati, knocked out Harvey Mitchell of Huntington in four rounds. The latter are lightweights.

Frank J. Martin, Richmond, Ind., business man, will promote boxing and wrestling in his town. Frank has already staged a pair of wrestling cards with success.

Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati's chief bid for light-heavyweight honors, crashed another obstacle in his path toward the crown on June 13 at Youngstown, O., when he blasted out Youngstown's Sheldon Bell in round number five. Ezzard weighed 173 for this match, one pound heavier than Bell.

Promoters George Nichols, Poole and Brown staged another great card at the Parkway Arena on June 10. Lloyd Gibson, No. 2 local ranking light-heavyweight, gave Tommy Woodward, Columbus, O., a boxing lesson in ten rounds.

Jimmy Beau Brown, Cincinnati heavyweight, returned to the wars in the semi-final and eked out an eight-round draw with Jack Tallman of Dayton. Paul Phares made his pro debut and kayoed Todd Doady in four heats, while Carl Simmons won a four-round nod over Frankie Mayo.

We received an interesting letter from Joe Basco, Jr., who has taken a group of fighters to South Africa. Joe writes from Johannesburg: "I am sending you the clipping of the fight between Proctor Heinold and Alf James and you will see that Heinold should have gotten the decision. I want to tell you that James is rated as lightweight champion down here and Proctor is really only a feather. It was a good fight and they are talking up a rematch.

"George Cerosky lost a close decision to Joe Foord in Durban on June 13. Jimmy Ainscough lost a ten-round decision to Laurie Stevens on July 6. Stevens is rated welter champ here."

Dad Basco still has his good boys fighting almost every night at Barberton, O. The Basco boys always mean a great fight and that is one reason why they are always busy.

Around Fountain Square With the Punchers and Their Pilots—Grapevines have it that Paul Youkilis, East Fifth Street sportsman and operator of the Brown Derby Cafe, will dip his fingers into boxing promotions around here before the fall season sets in. . . . Paul would make a grand addition to the promotional line here, as he has good boxing connections. . . . Mentioned along with Youkilis is Ray Perez, partner in a new booking agency here in Cincinnati. . . . My fight flashes continue to go. . . . Anyone interested in this monthly service can have same at one dollar per year subscription and address Jimmie Amann, 6716 Palmetto Street, Cincinnati, O. . . . This address also available for fighters of all weights unattached and managers of good fighters who want to show in this section. . . . My amateur boxing sheet is back in circulation and you can get full information from the above address. . . . Thanks to Eddie Eagan, Jim Jeffries and Jack Dempsey for their recent gadgets to my boxing collection which I started some weeks ago. . . . And a parting shot, if you want your RING copy, better get to the newsstand early, for they sure sell like hot cakes around here. . . . Freddie Eiler, gamester Louisville middleweight of a few years ago, has a good group of youngsters, who may develop into really pro talent in the course of six months.

CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS
By LESS HUFFMAN

COSHOCTON, OHIO, fans had a real treat when Harry Hart and Chet Martin, two slugging lightweights, collided in a scheduled eight rounder. After being in bad shape several times, Hart flattened Martin in 24 seconds of the seventh round.

In other tilts Dick Lewis, Dayton featherweight, punched his way to a six-round decision over Walt Agin, Zanesville, while Slim Johnson of Columbus and Jimmy Elson, a local lad, boxed a four-round draw.

Colion Chaney and Buddy Knox tangled in a heavyweight affair at Dayton, and Colion had no trouble stowing away the Ohio Irishman, who once loomed as a leading contender, in the second round.

Murray "Sugar" Cane, New York lightweight, now making his home in Zanesville, kept clamoring for a crack at Willie Russell, the Buckeye Buzz Bomb. He finally got his chance at Columbus in a scheduled ten-round go, and probably now wishes he had never heard of Russell, for Willie quickly stiffened Sugar in the third heat. The transplanted Gothamite was floored several times in the two preceding rounds.

The promising Harry Hart added another victim to his list when he stopped Dick Haley of Columbus in the sixth and final frame of the semi-windup. Hart was a clear winner until the referee intervened.

Bob Clark, an M. P. at the Lockbourne Air Base, clubbed out a close win over Bob Bagley, Dayton heavyweight, in a six spot. Four-round prelims saw Freddy Tibbs, Columbus lightweight, defeat Young Welsh, Delaware, Ohio, and Red Riley stopped Lefty Myers in the opening canto.

All records were broken at Akron when 5567 fans paid $11,536.75 to see Lee Savold win an unpopular 10-round decision over shifty Shamus O'Brien, New York Negro, with the Hibernian name.

A near riot ensued after the verdict in Savold's favor was announced, as the majority of the fans thought O'Brien was entitled to at least seven of the ten frames.

Dave Marsh, Akron lightweight, needed but 2:45 of the first round to stop Tommy Greb in the semifinal.

Gene Burton, classy New York lightweight, defeated Willie Russell in the featured 10-round bout at Cincinnati to inaugurate the outdoor season. The local fighter held his own until the third round. Later it was learned that Willie had injured his hand.

Young Iacobucci, Cincinnati clouter, stopped Brid Creig in the fourth heat, the referee calling a halt when the Delaware scrapper was being outclassed.

Jimmy Mitchel, Columbus welter, stopped Young Gourley of Zanesville in the fourth of a slated six at Coshocton.

Tommy Woodward, a last minute substitute, gave a good account of himself although losing an action-packed 10-rounder to Young Gibson. Pete Early, Dayton, drew with Beau Brown, Cincinnati, in the eight-round semifinal.

Promoter Rex Reese opened the indoor season at Mansfield, and Paul Garbetta, local featherweight, stopped Joe Nelson, Detroit, in 1:27 of the third round. The show grossed $1400.

Jim Alexander, Mansfield, stopped Jimmy Mitchel of Columbus in the fifth of a scheduled six. In four-round frays, Willie Woods, Toledo, defeated George Kerestes, Mansfield; Billy Jones, Toledo, stopped Slim Johnson, Columbus, in 1:12 of round one, and Tommy Welch, Delaware, won over Freddy Tibbs, Columbus welterweight.

Mutt Schartz, Columbus middleweight, and Homer Bigham, Lancaster, traveled eight rounds to a draw at Lancaster before a sparse crowd who contributed $900.

Bob Clark, Lockbourne M. P., easily whipped Jimmy Smith in a heavyweight tussle. Johnny Brown of Columbus knocked out Eddie Thompson, Delaware, in the second round. Thompson was floored three times before the fatal ten was tolled.

Dick Lewis, Dayton, won a four-round decision over Tod Doughty of Columbus. Dan Pinto, classy Columbus welter, outpointed Freddy Ray in a spirited six.

A capacity crowd packed the Parkway Arena in Cincinnati to see the brawl between Eddy Miller of Dayton and Steve Izzy, a Marine stationed here. The boys began belting away in longshoreman's style from the opening gong, and Miller finally K.O.'ed Steve in the third heat after flooring him twice.

Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati, and Kid Owens of Lima battled on even terms for the first three rounds of the slated eight-round semifinal, until Pat poured it on and knocked out the Kid in the fourth stanza.

Joe Discepoli, ex-Marine lightweight, stopped Manuel Orson in the second round. Jackie Cohen knocked out Tod Doughty in three rounds, and Bob Shoemaker, Cincinnati welter, flattened his fellow townsman, Roger Rodgers, in the fourth of the listed four-round prelims.

Fistic fireworks really exploded on July 4th eve at Coshocton when Harry Hart, Delaware lightweight, knocked out Billy Miller of Ellwood City, Pa., in the third heat of the main go, but not before the referee had slugged it out with Hart's seconds and fans had piled into the ring for a free-for-all.

Miller rushed from his corner swinging to floor Hart. The Ohio scrapper came back to bounce Billy off the canvas and the men slammed away freely for two rounds. Near the end of the second frame, Hart dropped Miller, and the referee clearly counted ten, then decided to let the bout continue.

When Hart's second protested, the arbiter let fly with a punch to the jaw. He was clipped in return and suffered a cut eye. The fans then piled into the ring. After order was restored and the fight resumed, Hart finally put his game opponent away for keeps.

The semifinal between Freddy Tibbs of Dayton and Jimmy Welsh of Columbus, although devoid of extra-curricular clouting, was a donnybrook nevertheless. Tibbs tired in the sixth and final round and Jimmy came on to cop a close decision.

The two scheduled fours failed to go the route, as Johnny Gourley, Zanesville, polished off Young Hardy, Coshocton, in two rounds, and Danny Flanagan knocked out Deno Nobiluci in the third heat.

WITH THE VIRGINIA PUGILISTS
By DAVID HARTMAN

THE eleventh annual Richmond Police Boxing Show went off as scheduled on the night of June 14th before a sell-out crowd of 7,500 at Mooers Field, home of the Baseball Colts of the Piedmont League.

In the feature, George Abrams of Washington, D.C., won a unanimous decision over Tommy Lawler of Cleveland. Abrams came in at 161, one pound heavier than his opponent.

In the semi-final, Jackie Cranford, promising heavy of Washington, D.C., stopped Leon Szymurski, Chester, Pa., trial horse, in six rounds. Cranford, at 188½, had an eleven pound pull in the weights.

Another promising Washington boy, Biff Jones, 126, kayoed Richmond's Warren Dean, 118, in the third. A left hook to the stomach dropped Dean for the full count.

In another six, Walter Roane, 147, Richmond, decisioned Art Brown, 144½, Washington, D. C.

In the opening four rounder, Ruben Jones, 168, Norfolk, stopped Dick Elliott, 159½, Roanoke, in the second.

Hooks and Jabs: Governor Tuck was among the celebrities present. Gate hit $15,000—largest of any Police Card.

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BOXING IN MAINE
By LINDSEY L. MEADER

PAUL JUNIOR, former lightweight star from Lewiston, now a fight manager, announces the addition of Norman See, and Blackie Noel of Quebec City, to his stable.

The Commission has restored licenses to Leo Methot of Montreal, and Mike Green of Somersworth, N. H., who had been suspended for failing to keep ring engagements in Bangor and Brunswick.

Following are the results from clubs throughout the state:

Jimmy Nelson, 169, Cleveland, outpointed Cleve Bailey, 163, Philadelphia, in a ten spot at Portland.

Willie Leo, 131¼, Portland, outfought Eddie Berry, 129, Portland, in six. Phil Gardner, 150½, Portland, stopped Johnny Roche, 150, Biddeford, in one; Camilli Paradis, 140, Old Orchard, flattened Ray Morris, 135, Biddeford, in three; Milt Silvers, 116, Portland, kayoed Sliver McGee, 112, Biddeford, in one, and Bobby Emery, 168, Buxton, won over Carl Magnuson, 164, South Windham, in four.

At Lewiston—Corky Davis, 138½, Worcester, Mass., knocked out Henry (Kid) Briere, 133½, Hollywood, in four rounds in the main go.

Jimmy Gagnon, 142, Lewiston, flattened Buddy Labbe, 143, Auburn, in the first; Willie Leo, 132, Portland, defeated Eddie Berry, 129, Portland, in six; Jimmy Dinardo, 145, Berlin, N. H., flattened Billy Bernier, 145, Lewiston, in one; and in the opener, Ed Comiskey, 126, Lisbon, decisioned Kid Cloutier, 128, Brunswick, in four rounds.

Johnny Campbell, 138, Brewer, won a unanimous decision over Lee Lott, 142, Cambridge, Mass., in eight rounds at Bangor.

Johnny McGrath, 170, Roxbury, Mass., flattened Eddie Turner, 172, Bangor, in five; Blaine Macomber. 135, Guilford, stopped Charley Wooster, 139, Rockland, in four; and Young Green, 154, Bangor, knocked out Billy Shaw, 154, Bangor, in four.

Coley Welch, 163, Portland, decisioned Stanley (Baby) Sims, 167, New York, in the star bout of ten rounds at Portland.

Charley Celeste, 131, Boston, kayoed Willie Leo, 131, Portland, in a six spot. Camilli Paradis, 138, Old Orchard, flattened Ray Morris, 135, Biddeford, in three; Bob Emery, 168, West Buxton, kayoed George Brown, 165, Biddeford, in the first; Danny Dipetro, 133, Portland, won over Herb Hamilton, 132, Yarmouth, in four, and Bobby Howe, 132, Biddeford, drew with Lew Emery, 145, West Buxton, in four.

Norman See, 137, Quebec, won in the main go at Waterville, where his opponent, Bobby Pooler, 135, Portland, was disqualified for "tactics unbecoming a boxer." Pooler hammered the Canadian while he was outside the ropes in the third.

In the semi-final six-rounder, Jimmy Cook, 148, Portland, decisioned Pancho Villa, 148, Waterville.

In four-round prelims, Joe Beaulieu, 158, Waterville, decisioned Johnny Jones, 152, Portland; Blackie Noel, 170, Lewiston, drew with Wendell Gallant, 175, Skowhegan; and Johnny Denarto, 133, Berlin, N. H., won from Dick Pennell, 137, Waterville.

Al Michaud, 146, Lisbon, drew with Maurice Beauchene, 141, Brunswick, in eight heats at Brunswick.

Jimmy Gagnon, 145, Lewiston, kayoed Babe Quirrion, 145, Waterville, in one; Al Marquis, 144½, Brunswick, flattened Al Reny, 150, Biddeford, in two; Chick Cloutier, 134, Brunswick, knocked out Omer Paradis, 128, Brunswick, in two; and Al Ouellette, 136, Brunswick, stopped Jim Vernon, 137, Brunswick Naval Air Station, in the second round.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By EDDIE BECK

JACKIE WEBBER, Pawtucket lightweight, remains undefeated.

Perry Lowe, Newark welter, scored an upset by trimming Bobby Zollo. Lowe entered the ring a 1 to 5 underdog and spotted Zollo nine pounds.

Billy Counts of Providence and Dave Butler of Waterbury, Conn., fought each other on three successive nights. Steve Bellus of Boston was even more ambitious. He fought four nights, losing all.

Arcadia—Johnny Juliano, 125½, Patterson, N. Y., won over Jack (Spider) Armstrong, 130, in 10, before a crowd of 962 that paid $1853.

Eddie (Nonny) Soares, 158½, Providence, knocked out Whitey Odell, 149, in the second.

Kenny Bruce, Woonsocket, 125, defeated Gene Gomez, 124, Boston, in a four-rounder

Chick Jones, 141, Boston, won over Billy Counts, 147, of Providence in 4.

Carmine Lata, 162¾, Providence, scored a second-round K.O. over Young Dias, 160, of Boston.

R. I. Auditorium—Tommy Rotolo, Rome, N. Y., won over Jorge Morelia of Mexico, in 10 rounds. The gross gate was $2059.

Gene Buffalo, New York, won over Al Pinel of New Bedford in 8.

Wayland Douglas, 144¼, New York, outpointed Buddy Brown, 150, Boston, in 8.

Bobby Quinn, 142½, Taunton, won over Steve Bellus, 138, Toronto, in 6.

Irish Pat Eagan, 130, West Warwick, K.O.'ed Andy White, 130, Fall River, in the opening four-rounder.

Arcadia—Jackie Weber, Pawtucket, won a 10-round decision over Tommy (Red) Wells, Manchester, N. H., before a crowd of 810.

Martin Taber, East Providence, K.O.'ed Jean Desjardine, Quebec, in one.

Gene Richard, 120¾, Canada, won a T.K.O. over Chuck Ackworth in the first.

Sonny Britto, 141¾, East Providence, outpointed Steve Bellus, 138, Toronto, in four.

St. Ann's Park, Woonsocket—Tony Costa, Woonsocket, won over Walter (Cabey) Lewis of New York in a 10-round main bout. The gross gate from 1500 fans was $2263.

In the semifinal of six rounds, Red Luce, Boston, won over Eddie Richmond, Providence.

Alex Rebark, 168, Pawtucket, scored a third round T.K.O. over Norman Audette, 166, of Fall River.

In four-rounders Red Perkins, 140, Lynn, stopped Charles Chuck Jones, 142, Boston. Kenny Bruce, Woonsocket, won over Gene Gomez, Boston.

R. I. Auditorium—Izzy Jannazzo, 151¾, Brooklyn, outpointed Ralph Zannelli, Providence, 146¾, in a 10-round main bout before a crowd of 1764 for a gross of $3558.80.

Roy Andrew, 132, Lowell, won a T.K.O. over Henry Briere, 133½, Worcester, Mass., in the third.

Harry Hintlian, 138, Worcester, won over Francis Hardy, 140, Providence, in 6.

In a four-rounder, Ray Immondi, 161, Providence, won a T.K.O. over Jimmy Lisbon, 162, New Bedford, in the first.

Pat Eagan, 130½, West Warwick, outpointed Frankie Martin, 126, Boston, in 4.

St. Ann's Park—Pete Louthis, 186, Cumberland Hill, won the 10-round main event over J. D. Turner, 232, Dallas, Texas. The net gate on a crowd of 1300 was $1924.50.

Tommy Doyle, 179, Fall River, stopped Abel Gonsalves, 176, Pawtucket, when the latter did not answer the bell for the sixth round. The Pawtucket battler was ahead on points at the time.

Don McGrath, 166, Cambridge, gained a decision over Ed Brickley, 165, Fall River, in 6.

In four-rounders: Kenny Bruce, 126, Woonsocket, won a decision over George Butler, 123, Waterbury, Conn. Chet Ross, 156, Beverly, Mass., decisioned Kid Chocolate, 157, Boston.

Arcadia—Perry Lowe, 143¾, Newark, gained a unanimous decision in the 10-round main event over Bobby Zollo, 152¾, East Providence.

Eddie Soares, 152¼, Providence, won over Curtis Lee, 160, Boston, in the eight-round semifinal.

Eddie Montiz, 140, Fall River, K.O.'ed Eddy Richmond, 140, Providence, in the fifth.

Carmine Lato, 159, Providence, won in four rounds from Ike Stevenson, 158, Framingham, Mass.

In four-rounders: Willie Counts, 147, Providence, won over Dave Butler, 143, Brooklyn, N. Y.

St. Ann's Park—Al Costa, 146, Woonsocket, gained a unanimous decision over Kenny James, 146, Waterbury, Conn., in a 10-round bout. A crowd of 1400 paid $1840.

Tommy Doyle, 179, Fall River, won a T.K.O. over Mike Gagne, 172, in a six-rounder. Chick Jones, 139, Boston, gained a split decision over Lee Britto, Providence.

Joe Stevens, 135, Waterbury, won a T.K.O. over Frankie Lombardi, 140, of Marlboro, in the second.

Bobby Hicks, 155, Waterbury, knocked out Ollie Wilson, 152, Worcester, in the first round.

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

ROCHESTER had one pro show during the month of June. Tommy Rotolo, of Rome, N. Y., won an unpopular decision over Eddie Smith, of Rochester. The sport writers and most of the fans thought that Smith won 7 of the 10 rounds. Elliott Cushing, Matt Jackson and Paul Pinckney, local fight scribes, agreed that the decision rendered in favor of Rotolo was the worst in local boxing history.

In other fights on the show Nello Nucelli, Rochester, defeated Johnny Varcy, of Detroit, in six rounds. This was Nucelli's first fight in three months. Bobby Dare, Buffalo, stopped Steve Mamakos in three rounds. Johnny Rowe, Rochester, won over Danny Saunders of Hamilton, Ont., in a close fight. This was the best bout on the card.

Cliff Hart, Syracuse, won in round one when the referee stopped his fight with Johnny Sheppard of Cleveland. Jay Widener, Rochester, won his first pro fight by stopping Lucius Thomas, also of Rochester, and Wade Chaney, of Syracuse, defeated Jeff Clanton, of Buffalo, in the opening four rounder.

The card drew 7,192 fans and the gross gate was $21,316.

Frankie Best of Binghamton is the best drawing card in his locality. Frankie, in his last fight at Johnson Field, drew a good house and stopped Jimmy Reeves of Cleveland in one round.

The following Rochester fighters are kept busy around the country and are giving the fans plenty of action, Eddie Smith, Johnny Virgo, Nello Nucelli, Johnny Rowe, Ray Widener, Oscar Boyd, Freddie Patterson, Henry Smith, Ross Virgo, Willie Gano and Bill Foley. The above mentioned boys can be reached by communicating with the writer at 103 S. Union St.

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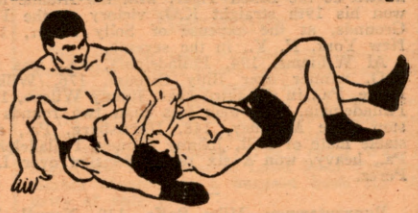

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IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
By DANNY MYERS

HARRISBURG, PA.—After a lull in boxing in Harrisburg, Al Cox, promoter, staged a slam bang affair when Joey Murphy, 145, Harrisburg, Pa., tangled with Billy Nixon, 148, Philadelphia, Pa., in a scheduled eight rounder. Nixon scored a knockdown in the seventh stanza for a count of nine. In the eighth round, Nixon scored two more knockdowns for nine each. Nixon won. Murphy was unable to connect.

In the semi-windup of six rounds, Dick Mack, 145, Harrisburg, Pa., a discharged veteran of the European Theater of War, was on the short end of the decision when both judges and the referee awarded the bout to Bobby Summers, 141, Annapolis, Md.

Al Robinson, 156, Steelton, Pa., was unable to reverse a previous battle that he lost via the K.O. route against Primas Cutler, 152, Philadelphia, Pa., in their return engagement for six rounds. Cutler won.

Eddie West, 139, Philadelphia, Pa., won by a K.O. in 2:30 of the opening stanza, against Jimmy Brewer, 142, Annapolis, Md. Charley Hilton, 153, Philadelphia, Pa., won by a K.O. over Charley Grant, 148, Annapolis, Md., in 1:15 of the first round.

It was announced by Norman Clock of Reading, Pa., that he had been awarded a professional boxing license to stage boxing bouts in the city of York. Clock, a World War No. 2 veteran, announced that he had received the lease for the West York Ball Park, to stage outdoor bouts.

I will be glad to forward your inquiries to the promoter or matchmaker. Just write me at 3304 Spring Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Reading—Jimmy Hill, 154, Harrisburg, Pa., known as the Blond Tiger, with the Atomic left, won his 19th straight K.O. victory at the Fair Grounds, at the expense of Solly Zalter, 159, New York, N. Y., in the seventh.

Al Williams, 194, Philadelphia, Pa., was the K.O. winner over Billy Strouse, 176, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in the third heat. Jimmy Wilson, 147, Philadelphia, Pa., took less than two rounds to stop Gene Moraney, 148, Harrisburg, Pa., and stable mate of Hill, Johnny Finney, Philadelphia, Pa., heavy, won a six round decision over Lew Perez.

Punxsutawney—Mike Raffa, 130, Newell, W. Va., scored a T.K.O. over Johnny Gebbert, 130, New York, N. Y., in the eighth round. Former welterweight champion, Fritzie Zivic, the third man in the ring, stopped the bout.

Fans turned out to the tune of 2500 strong to witness the affairs of the evening in the squared circle that was a benefit for the Adrian Hospital building fund.

Harold Hazlett, 175, Rochester, Pa., decisioned Lynn Brozier, 178, Pittsburgh, Pa. Ted Deloreto, 147, Wellsville, O., decisioned Cab Calloway, 147, Pittsburgh, Pa. Art Hardy, 160, Pittsburgh, Pa., won by a T.K.O. in one over Rosey Pope, 160, Johnstown, Pa. Sam Shelton, 172, Pittsburgh, Pa., won by a T.K.O. over Georgie Sapolich, 172, Johnstown, Pa., in round three.

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MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

MINNEAPOLIS AUDITORIUM—Promoter Tony Stecher staged another successful show before 6500 fans. Jack Graves, 124, Austin, Minn., won the decision over Aponte Torres, Mexico, 128, in the eight-round main event. Torres gave Graves a good fight, but Jackie carried too many guns for him and won every round except two which were called even.

Jackie Burke, 162, Minneapolis, won the decision over Billy Bengal, Detroit, Mich., 162, in a six rounder. Billy Marshall, 148, Minneapolis, knocked out Art Lambert, 145, Duluth, in the first. Del Cockayne, Des Moines, 132, won the decision over Ted Christie, Chicago, 126, in six. Norman Mastrian, Minneapolis, 126, knocked out Pat Kelly, Niagara Falls, N. Y., 126, in the fourth. Nick Melnick, Winnipeg, Can., 156, knocked out Frank Silvers, Chicago, 156, in the fourth round. The gate was around $12,000.

St. Paul Auditorium—Jackie Graves, 126, Austin, Minn., and Pete Virgin, 126, Schenectady, N. Y., met in the main event of the St. Paul Boxing Promoters' first show which drew a gate of $7400 and 5000 fans. Graves won the decision in a fast bout, although Virgin staged a great rally in the last three rounds.

Jackie Burke, Minneapolis, 160, won the decision over Bennie Droll, Peoria, Ill., 160, in the six-round windup. Jack Grady, Gary, Ind., 126, made a great hit with the fans when he win the decision over Norm Mastrian, Minneapolis, 126, in a six-round bout. Fred Ford, St. Paul, 172, knocked out Earl Peterson, Minneapolis, 180, in the fourth.

Gene Frederickson, St. Paul, 138, won the decision over Bobby Heath, 139, Minneapolis, in a four-round bout. Emmett Vanez, St. Paul, 122, won over Dave Peak, 126, Minneapolis, in four.

The Capital City Boxing Club is the name of the St. Paul club. Jimmy Donohue and Emmet Garrett and Billy Colbert are the associates. The office is located at 133 West 7th Street, phone No. Ce 4917 and boxers and managers who are looking for action, write to them there.

Jentrice O'Neill, Negro featherweight, from St. Paul, who was under Emmett Heller, is stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va. O'Neill boxed all the good featherweights in the Northwest.

Paul Huth, who won the St. Paul middleweight championship, is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. He went to the semifinals in the Northwest Golden Gloves.

Blaine Young, a middleweight, has won his first four bouts since being discharged from the Navy.

Jim Salwasser has won ten and lost one to Bob Adams.

Dick Schmidt lost his first bout after winning 15 straight.

Al Bache, a very good club fighter, has hung up his gloves.

Don Espenson suffered a broken jaw in the second round of his fight with Jess Wilson. He finished the bout but lost the decision.

On the same card, Erle Adkinson suffered a broken hand, which has healed. Adkinson has 14 wins, beating good boys such as Jack Hill and Jim Crow in Chicago and Don Thaley of Winnipeg.

Booker Ellis, who has boxed main events on the coast, is out of the Navy now. He's had four wins and one loss.

Fred Tard, Negro heavyweight, has won five straight since he turned pro. He beat Larry Watson in his last bout.

Art Lambert, a welter from Duluth, has won all his bouts in the last year.

Howard Blyhl has been boxing main events in the South. He beat Fritzie Zivic in his last bout.

Billy Smith, who hasn't lost a bout since Emmett Weller beat him for the Northwest Lightweight Championship in 1941, has gone East.

Jackie Burke is out of the Navy and is doing his boxing around the Northwest.

FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
By JOE FRENCH

AT Miami, Fla., Charley "Bobby" Elliott of Louisville, who recently joined the pro ranks, belted out a second-round knockout over Baby Chino of West Tampa.

The Louisville amateur boxing team has been keeping busy in both local and out of town rings. Traveling to Decatur, Ill., they won five out of eight contests. The local amateur mitt group has also engaged teams from Indianapolis and Nashville in inter-city meets.

Candy Martin, sharp punching Negro light-heavy, and former armed forces amateur from Cleveland, is set for his debut in the pro class.

Louisville's boxing award to the outstanding local boxer of the year has been revived after a long absence. Each year the local boy making the most strides to the front of the fistic profession will have his name engraved on the trophy.

Charley Jones, Louisville manager, who directed Sammy Angott, now retired, to the world lightweight title, has added a new prospect to his management. Jones is handling Dale Fawns, Kentucky amateur heavyweight, who made an outstanding record while serving in the Marine Corps.

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JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By BUS BURKE

ED LEARY, St. Louis's newest addition in the promotional field, staged his initial boxing show on June 10. That night's show was highlighted by the very highly touted Al Velez of Wichita, Kan., being handed a trimming by Melvin Johnson (Derby Dan) of St. Louis. In a meeting of the two just a matter of weeks before, Velez stopped Dan in one round in Wichita, but in this one, Dan made himself into a difficult target by adopting a Godoy style along with a lot of bobbing and weaving and Velez could not seem to solve this style.

In the fourth round Dan dropped Velez for nine and for the balance of the fight Velez was on queer street but managed to keep away from the sleep producer.

In the top spot on this card, Deacon Logan of St. Louis, won on a T.K.O. over Jimmy Casino of Los Angeles, when Casino fractured his right hand in the third and had to retire in the fifth.

In the curtain raiser of this card Bob Mohler punched out a convincing decision over A. B. Bartlett. This was Mohler's first start in a year. He had suffered a fractured leg in High School football.

The fight card was witnessed by only 1095 fans and receipts totaled $1,543.10. The results with weights follow:

Deacon Logan, St. Louis, 163½, won on a T.K.O. over Jimmy Casino, Los Angeles, 170½, in the fifth round. Dick Young, referee. Semi-windup: Derby Dan, St. Louis, 175¼, defeated Al Velez, Wichita, Kan., 174½, in six rounds. Ray Palmer, referee. Oree Smith, St. Louis, 153, won from Joey Martinez, Mexico City, 153½, in six rounds. Herbert Kranz, referee. Roy Cox, St. Charles, 145, K.O.ed Larry Jenke, Cincinnati, 150, in round five. Johnny Kaiser, referee. Bob Mohler, St. Louis, 151½, decisioned A. B. Bartlett, St. Louis, 149¾, in the four-round curtain raiser.

Hans Bernstein's only fight card of the month had on top Charley Riley pitted against Filberto Osario in a hotly contested fight that left a lot of doubt if the rightful winner was declared. Osario built up a lead in the first five stanzas with Riley traveling fast in the last five. In the ninth and tenth Riley was firing his Sunday punch, but the tough Osario would just not go down. When Osario was declared the winner by a split decision, the announcement was met with much reverse cheering. Judges Bob Dana and Al Graf voted 52 to 48 for Osario with Referee Jimmy Parker seeing Riley 51 to 49. The show attracted only 2028 fans and grossed only $3523.

Complete results: Filberto Osario, 125½, Cuba, defeated Charley Riley, 127½, St. Louis, in ten rounds. Jimmy Parker, referee. Semi-windup: Eddie Dames, 126, St. Louis, won from Butch Maxwell, 128½, Gary, Ind., in six rounds. Ray Palmer, referee. John Gulley, 162, St. Louis, K.O.'ed Henry Chucholuck, 157½, St. Louis, in the first round. Bob Ingham, referee. Johnny Grady, 125, Gary, Ind., won on a T.K.O. over Nick Sanders (when he swallowed a tooth), 120½, St. Louis. Palmer, referee. Won in fifth round. Jackie Dicker, 127½, St. Louis, won on a T.K.O. over Oliver Johnson, 127½, St. Louis, in the fourth round. Ingham, referee. Johnny Tabbs, 148, St. Louis, defeated Bob Mohler, 148, St. Louis, in four rounds. Palmer, referee.

Over in Decatur, Illinois, they really have this amateur boxing traveling the right road. Mr. D. W. Robinson and George Kreker, who are connected with the Decatur *Advertiser* (which paper in turn sponsored the first Golden Gloves Tournament ever held in Decatur) are in large part responsible for the success of boxing in this Illinois town. Since the February tournament Decatur has held two inter-city boxing cards, having beaten Springfield, Ill., and dropping the next meet to East St. Louis, Ill. The inter-city meets are drawing from 2500 to 3000 fans for each show.

This seems to be all of the news of any importance coming from St. Louis this month. News of interest to readers of this column must reach the writer no later than the last of the month. Send items to Bus Burke, 601 St. Louis Street, De Soto, Missouri. I would also like to receive autographed pictures of prominent fighters to add to my fast-growing collection. Fighters and managers wishing to contact St. Louis promoters get in touch with the writer.

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

NATE DRUXMAN, the Seattle promoter, is on the mend after a stretch of illness.

Bliss Lee Croft, Tacoma heavyweight, has retired from the boxing game. In young Croft's last showing against Ralph Kayo Hooker, Ralph knocked out Croft in five rounds, June 6, in Tacoma.

Dick Ross, young Tacoma 180 pounder, is now in the Navy. Dick, 19 years old, has resumed boxing in Uncle Sam's care.

Dave Davey, very likely looking seventeen-year-old 190-pound 6 ft. 1½ in. boxer, is improving steadily.

Donnie Bush, Tacoma's small Mickey Walker, now with the occupation forces in Japan, has scored five straight victories in the overseas Army boxing tournaments. Donnie weighs 140 lbs.

Mickey Connelly, who formerly promoted amateur boxing fights in Seattle, will soon break into the professional end of things in Everett, Wash.

Paulie Cook, Tacoma 128 pounder, was perhaps the busiest knuckle tosser in the Pacific Northwest during the past two months.

Harry "Kid" Matthews, formerly from Emmett, Idaho, now of Seattle, will begin training sessions at Amundsen's gym for a busy boxing season. Harry is now 23 years old.

The winning streak of Eddie Powell, Seattle Negro heavyweight, came to a halt after five straight wins. Powell blew a duke to Charley Eagles.

Jack Connors, Tacoma's Grand Old Man of the boxing game, closely watches the training sessions of his stellar performers who train at Amundsen's. Jack, who has been associated with boxing some forty-five years, directs the work of Davey Ward, Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Charley Johnston, and others.

FANFARE from MISSOURI
By ROBERT B. DANA

WITH slightly less than 1100 fans holding pews at Promoter Ed Leary's inaugural boxing show, there was plenty of room for discouragement, but with 30,000 potential customers watching the Cardinals and Brooklyn have at each other in a night game at one and the same time, the truth was held to be self evident. The main event ended in a disappointing fashion as Jimmy Casino, colorful Californian, had to surrender to the relentless Deacon Logan after the fifth round. Casino broke his right maulie on Logan's stubborn skull. It was a whale of a battle while it lasted.

In a six-round semi-final, Oree Smith, the Black Bullet, squeaked past Jose Martinez by the narrowest of margins. Smith had previously bested Martinez in Wichita.

Al Velez, who was THE RING'S 175-pound prospect of the month in May, lost a close one to Derby Dan. Velez is a fine looking chap albeit a trifle on the frail side. Derby Dan dropped him in the fourth and had him out on his feet again in the fifth.

The best fight on the bill was a six-rounder between Phil Brown, Paratrooping ex-Glove champion, and Curtis Smith, East St. Louis lightweight and Golden Glove champion of about '44. Brown scored two knockdowns and took the decision, but only after staving off a Garrison finish on the part of Smith. Also making debuts were Bob Mohler and Roy Cox of St. Charles.

What the next card at the Auditorium lacked in preliminary talent, it more than made up for by the slam-bang main event in which Filberto Osario whiskered past Charley Riley in ten of the most torrid ten in local boxing annals. Osario whanged away in an awkward yet effective fashion for eight rounds and then he proceeded to wilt sadly in the last two.

Eddie Dames, National Golden Glove Bantamweight Champion, did a workmanlike job in whipping "Butch" Maxwell of Gary, Ind. Eddie took no chances and fought an intelligent and winning battle.

Another National Glove titleholder, Jackie Dicker, pushed off and fought his first one as a pro on this show. Dicker has the earmarks and his career is being anxiously watched by an army of well wishers. Jack had no trouble in stopping Oliver Johnson.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
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TOPPING a small show at the Antlers' Ballroom, Johnny Gaudes won an 8 round decision over Nick Sanders of St. Louis. Sanders was outweighed by Gaudes by 6 pounds. He fought in a crouch and Gaudes worked doubly hard to open him up for a haymaker which never landed. Gaudes weighed 128.

The best bout on the card was a six rounder between Sammy Cicerello, 133, Milwaukee, and Johnny Grady, 125½, Chicago. Cicerello won a split decision. He scored often with left jabs and right crosses to offset Grady's potent left hook. Frank Pintaro, 163, Cudahy, KO'ed Dave Griffin, 171, Gary, in 2:00 of round one. Milt Varsas, 146, Milwaukee, K.O.'ed George Brandon, 137½, St. Louis, in 2:52 of the first. Al Jordan, 136, Milwaukee, KO'ed Jim Pryor, 134, Chicago, 2:14, of the first.

Fans paid slightly over $16,000 to see Cecil Hudson, 150, Los Angeles, beat Charley Parham, 151, Milwaukee, in ten heats at the Auditorium. Jack Bluman, Hudson's pilot, had the Los Angeles boy's battle planned perfectly. Never once did he permit Parham to get set for his Sunday punch.

The Milwaukee Sports Club presented a splendid supporting card, topped by Milt Varsas, 148, Milwaukee, and Bill Parson, 148½, Chicago. The bout kept the fans tense from start to finish. Varsas lost on a TKO in the fourth. Varsas went down in a hot exchange of lefts and rights, and beat the count but Referee Schultz wisely stopped it because Varsas was too wobbly to continue.

In the surprise upset of the evening Johnny Grady, 126, Chicago, outpointed Johnny Gaudes, 125, Milwaukee, in 6. It was a thriller. Sammy Cicerello, 134, Milwaukee, lost to Butch Maxwell, of Gary, in another good six rounder. Charley Pope, 141½, Milwaukee, and Charley Busalacchi, 152, Milwaukee, each scored one round knockouts over Isidore Minor, 150, Chicago, and Clarence Ross, 149, Chicago, respectively.

The show was a joint promotion with Billy Mitchell and Al Fain's Wisconsin Boxing Club and George Frank and Ward Braby's Milwaukee Sports Club. The WBC had Parham under contract and the MSC had Hudson signed.

It was a rocky night for local battlers. Four of our best went down to defeat out of six entries. They lost no prestige however, because they put up great scraps. We hear that Joe Alloto offered $1000 for Sammy Cicerello's contract.

Milt Varsas, Milwaukee Greek welterweight, is a student in physical education at Milwaukee State Teachers College. He is the hardest right hand puncher seen here in years.

Another fighter to watch is Charley Busalacchi, West Allis welterweight. He carts TNT in either mitt.

ARKANSAS AND OKLAHOMA FLASHES
By CLYDE SMITH

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Buddy Scott won a ten-round decision over Bill Petersen, Chicago 200-pounder.

Jeep O'Neal, featherweight, won a six-round decision over Mickey Travis. Both boys from Oklahoma City.

Joe Musick, Elk City, Okla., lightheavy, won over Johnny Riley in four.

Billy Strunk stopped Howard Carr in two.

Oklahoma City—Buddy Scott beat Bill Petersen in 10.

Jackie Lyons, Oklahoma City, decisioned Jimmy Edwards, Oklahoma City (6).

Jeep O'Neal decisioned Rube Salazar, Wichita, Kan. (6).

J. R. Winkle won on a foul from Eddie Weller (4).

Billy Strunk decisioned Tommy Graham, Wichita, Kan. (4).

Paul Keotah knocked out Baxter Horne (3).

Shreveport, La.—Little Rock, Ark., invading A. A. U. team, found the going a bit rough and departed for their homestead with only one victory in five bouts against a North Louisiana amateur crew. Results: Dick Beard, Little Rock, decisioned Tommy Beasley (3), Shreveport; Bill Quinn, Shreveport, decisioned K. O. Donaho (3), Little Rock; Al Quinn, Shreveport, knocked out Dave Stinnett (1), Little Rock; Eddie Lynch, Shreveport, decisioned Jimmie Hatmaker (3), Little Rock; James Henry, Shreveport, decisioned Lloyd Harrison (3), Little Rock.

Tulsa, Okla.—Oh, now Bill Petersen wins over Buddy Scott in 10 rounds.

Dick Smith, Oklahoma City, middleweight, scored a first round knockout over Jack Martinez, Wichita, Kan.

Baxter Horne won over Paul Keotah of Anadarko, Okla. (4).

Billy Strunk, Oklahoma City, 149, won a T.K.O. over Eddie Walker of Anadarko, 146, in the third.

Mickey Travis, Oklahoma City, 131, won a six-round decision over Hank Okura, 128½, Chicago.

Dallas, Texas—Gil Moore won a 10-round decision over Tommy Charles, light-heavy.

Bobby Woods, Fort Worth, won over Otho Sliger of Houston (8).

Buddy Shumway, Dallas, 171-pounder, stopped Jackie Blake of San Antonio (4).

Bob Langino won over Abner Beddingfield (4).

Lee Minor stopped Joe Mercier (3).

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RING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

FEATURING youthful Billy James and Richard Asato in the six round main event, the usual Friday night smoker at the Civic Auditorium drew a capacity house of 5,290 customers who paid $8,308.75.

The main event of the Leo Leavitt promoted card turned out as expected with Billy James using his perpetual motion tactics to wear out hard punching Richard Asato and chalking up a KO victory in the sixth.

After the second round the fight was all James'. The fast pace proved too much for Asato who wilted badly from Billy's body blows. Asato went down once in the third, twice again in the fifth and was finally counted out with less than a minute to go in the sixth.

Billy James weighed 136. Richard Asato, 134.

Other results: Jose Onacanim, 115½, outpunched Ankie Hoshijo, 118¾, in the six round semi-windup.

Tough Masao Suzuke, 127¼, TKO'ed Richard Oshiro, 127⅞, in the first.

Bantamweights Tiger Rosa and Philip Labang fought to a popular four round draw.

The opener (four rounds) saw Joe Collins, 144⅜, fighting Joe Park, 142⅞, to a draw.

The June 14th outdoor boxing card at the Honolulu Stadium headlined by featherweights David Kui Kong Young and Mike Belloise turned into one of the biggest flops of the year. Fans numbering nearly 7000 paid $15,417.75 at the turnstiles to see 35 year old Mike Belloise take two tapping rights and one fair left from David Young and fall down as if struck by lightning to be counted out.

Other results: Gene Ronstadt knocked out Harold Holley in 2 min. 30 sec. of the second. They are welterweights.

Tsuneshi Maruo, national AAU bantamweight champ, made his professional debut by knocking out Flashy Datta in the first.

Eddie Morrow, former territorial AAU middleweight champion, 147⅞, had a disastrous evening when he was knocked out by Shangy Tsukano, 149½, in the first. He went down three times for eight counts before taking the full count.

Clifton Moore, 156½, lost a doubtful decision to Bob Friedl, 154, in a 4 round bout.

Eddie Ocasio, 152, beat Frankie Kane, 152¼, in four rounds.

Tommy Umeda, 126½, copped the 4 round opener against veteran Kid Waianae, 126¾.

Leo Leavitt promoted the biggest boxing show in June, when he presented Richie Shinn and Billy James in a ten-round bout outdoors at the Honolulu Stadium. Despite threatening weather 9183 customers paid a total of $20,965.50 to witness the one-sided affair in which Shinn shellacked James.

To say that Billy James was outclassed in this fight is putting things very mildly. Shinn, a master boxer who made his debut here last month, won nearly all of the ten rounds, seemingly without much effort. Even by giving James the benefit of the doubt, only two rounds could have been called even. Richie worked a nice left, hooked and jabbed, and had James' right eye pretty well battered as early as the fourth round. Richie's right was just as damaging, but strangely enough he used it only sparingly, and only in the tenth when he had the fight all sewed up did he open up. The only knockdown was registered in this round when James was cornered and went down from a volley of a half dozen blows to the chin.

Richie Shinn is good, and against a light puncher like James he looked like a world's champion. A puncher like Yasu Yasutake or Marciel Baptiste, who can really punch, will no doubt have a better chance to beat the Korean battler.

In other bouts Johnny Perry, 122¾, outlasted Joe Colon, 126¼, in the six-round semi-final. Eddie Reyes, 120, defeated Ankie Hoshijo, 122, in a slashing five-rounder. Eddie Silva, 132, won a four-round decision over Ken Monar, 135. Richard Silva, 135, defeated Eddie Salazar, 136½, four rounds.

Robert Takeshita, 143, National A.A.U. welterweight champion, making his professional debut, stopped Justo Aguilan, in the first of a four-heater. Welcome Javellana, 126¼, decisioned Alvin Moratin, 124¾, in four rounds. Benny Mactagone knocked out Tony Galente in the third round of a four-round welterweight bout.

One of the dullest boxing shows ever staged here featured Marciel Baptiste versus Johnny Perry, and Flashy Sebastian with Joe Medrano in a double windup at the Civic Auditorium. Honolulu's discriminating fight fans weren't fooled any as they stayed away in great numbers. As a result the card drew only 2822 customers who paid $4418 which is considered quite low in these post-boom days.

The card could have been a complete flop but for the Marciel Baptiste-Johnny Perry six-round joust, a return affair, which was a fast-paced, interesting bout. Perry, 123, who had been knocked out by Baptiste in the first round of a previous bout, regained some of his prestige by earning a draw with his kayo conqueror. Quite a number of the fans thought Johnny won. Baptiste weighed 127 for this bout.

In the other six-round main go Flashy Sebastian, 147, fought just enough to win over Joe Medrano, 148½. Flashy didn't look a bit flashy, but against a boy like Medrano, who fights like a clown, nothing more could have been expected.

In the prelims, Eddie Silva, 131½, defeated Ken Monar, 135, in a dull four-rounder. Joe Park, 138, decisioned Eddie Salazar, 134¼. Four rounds. Benny Mactagone, 143¾, won in four over Joe Collins, 147½. Willie Vega, 164½, drew with Trader Horn, 161⅞, in the four-round opener.

BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

MIKE ACEVEDO, Cuba's great featherweight king, in top form, scored a three-round knockout over Simon Vergara of Panama, at the Sports Palace in Havana. Vergara, an aggressive youngster, waded in right from the first gong, only to be met by Acevedo's snappy left jabs, right crosses and uppercuts. Weights: Acevedo, 126, Vergara 128.

Diego Sosa, leading lightweight contender, and Sojito, a rising youngster from Oriente Province, met in the semi-windup ten. Sosa boxed cleverly. The contest was halted in the sixth round, Sosa winning by a technical knockout.

Kid Gavilan, Cuba's lightweight champion, easily defeated Jesus Varona in ten rounds. Varona tried hard enough and put up a stiff argument but is just a little too green for Gavilan, who won hands down.

Manolo Sanchez, Cuba's ex-welterweight champion, and pride of the "Omnibus Aliados," just returned from an extensive tour, and was pitted against Mario Diaz, who is Kid Chocolate's nephew. Sanchez won the decision by a comfortable margin.

Baby Leonard, in a special eight-round contest, scored a technical kayo in the fifth round over Joe Zorilla. Featherweights.

Luis Godoy, Cuba's popular promoter, is planning for some good star programs for the summer months, and is trying to show a world's championship fight. He is trying to get Willie Pep to show in Havana.

FROM TRINIDAD, B.W.I.
By RONALD H. PINHEIRO

ON June 1, in the main event of 10 rounds, Jota Jota Hernandez scored a narrow points decision over Rene Sanchez of Cuba. Jota Jota, a big favorite in Trinidad, received an ovation.

By this victory Jota Jota has gained the right to meet Gentle Daniel. The weights for the fight were Sanchez, 164; Jota Jota, 157½.

In the semi-final, Lawrence Assam lost his first professional battle to Kid Avenando, the Venezuelan Terror. Assam fought well but Avenando used his weight and experience to an advantage. The battle went the 8 rounds. Assam scaled 133 and Avenando, 140.

Francisco Gonzales scored a surprise win over Cocoa Kid Gilkes, youngest of the fighting Gilkes family. The weights were, Gonzales, 144; Gilkes, 140.

In the opening bout, Mac Mitchell scored a points victory over Jabber Romney in 4 torrid rounds. The weights were, Mitchell, 140½; Romney, 140.

Few spectators were on hand at the Mucurapo Stadium to view Promoter J. B. Guzman's card which turned out to be one of the best seen for some time.

In the main bout, Kid German, 134, lightweight champion of the Southern Caribbean, scored a narrow points decision win over Young Kid Tanner, 136½, of British Guiana, in an action-packed ten-rounder.

In the semi-final, Fighting Bailey of South Trinidad, outpointed former lightweight champion Al Tunney in ten rounds. Both men are now fighting in the welterweight division. Tunney fought well but lost to a younger and stronger opponent. Again on this occasion the old wounds over Tunney's eyes were opened. It's time Al stopped boxing, for he may wind up blind.

In a torrid six-rounder Kid Salandy returned to ring action after a long layoff and outpointed Victor Hernandez. This was a bantamweight affair.

Isaac Quamina won on a foul from Cecil Samm in the opener.

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